WEATHER.

Fair Thursday; Friday fair, warmer east, rain west portion.

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BUCHAREST FALLS INTO HANDS OF THE TEUTONS; IS FOURTH ALLIED CAPITAL TAKEN SINCE WAR BEGAN

Central Powers Now Are in Control of About Half of the Kingdom of Rumania.

AFTER 100 DAYS' CAMPAIGN

Ploechti, Important Railway Junction North of Bucharest, Has Also Been Captured.

NEW CAPITAL THREATENED?

Serbs Capture Additional Fortification From Bulgars.

Bucharest, the capital of Rumania, is in the hands of the forces of the Central Powers.

Exactly one hundred days after the declaration of war by Rumania against them finds the Teutonic Allies in control of about 50,000 square miles of Rumanian territory — virtually one-half of the kingdom — running from the Transylvanian Alps northwest of the capital to the Danube south of it, and a large part of Dobrudja, and probably still on the heels of these retreating Russian and Rumanian armies, which have been endeavoring to hold them back.

Ploechti Also Captured.

Simultaneously with the announcement of the fall of Bucharest came the news of the capture of the important railroad junction of Ploechti north of the capital, the conquest of which places in the hands of the invaders the last railroad in the west and gives to them the head of the line running northward to Jassy, where the capital of Rumania is now situated.

No details have as yet come through concerning the climax to the great drive of the armies of General Von Falkenhayn and Field Marshal Von Mackensen or whether the Rumanians and Russians succeeded entirely in making their escape behind the Bucharest line. Previous to the announcement of the capture of Bucharest and of Ploechti unofficial advices had indicated that four divisions of the defenders were in a hazardous position in the region due west of Bucharest and in danger of being enveloped.

With the fall of Bucharest the Central Powers are now in possession of four capitals of Entente allied states, the others being Brussels, Belgrade and Cettinje.

Russians Make Little Progress

In the northwest, in the Carpathian region near the Bukowina frontier and along the Moldavia front, the Russian offensive, begun as a diversion against the Teutonic advance into Rumania, apparently is meeting with little success. In the Carpathians west of Joblinotza the Russians occupied a height but later were shelled off the position by the Germans. To the south they succeeded in penetrating to the second line of the German defenses in the Trotus valley but here were held by the defenders from further advance. North of the Ditus pass and southwest of Kedzi Varsahely the Austro-Germans took positions from the Russians.

Serbs Make Gains.

Additional fortified heights northeast of Budimirtsa, in Serbia, have been captured by the Serbs from the Bulgarians and Germans, according to the Saloniki war office, while the Bulgarians are reported by Berlin to have expelled the Serbs from positons near Gradeshnitza. A heavy bombardment is in progress north of Monastir.

Attack East of Hill 304.

The Germans have again essayed a somewhat attack in the Verdun sector, launching it on the slopes east of the famous Hill 304 near Avocourt. According to Paris, the attack was partly successful, the Germans gaining a footing in some of the advanced French trenches. Otherwise on the French front there have been only bombardments and operations by raiding parties.

In the Austro-Italian and Russian theatres the big guns are still doing the greater portion of the work. The Russians have heavily shelled the Narayuvka region in Galicia.

FALL OF THE TWO CITIES IS ANNOUNCED BY BERLIN

Berlin, Dec. 6, (via Sayville).—Bucharest, capital of Rumania, has been captured, it was officially announced today. Ploechti, the important railway junction town, 36 miles northwest of Bucharest, also has been taken.

The capture of Ploechti, on the main railway line running north from Bucharest, cuts the main railway line of retreat for the Rumanian armies operating in the Bucharest region.

The official statement does not indicate whether the entry of the Teutonic forces into Bucharest and Ploechti was simultaneous. The capture of Ploechti before that of the capital would be far more serious for the Rumanians. Many military observers looked for the Rumanians not to attempt a defense of the capital to the last, expecting an evacuation in time to save the forces defend-

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Bryan Lauded In Speeches Made At Dinner Given In His Honor

Takes Advantage of the Occasion to Outline Reforms to Which He Wishes to Commit the Democratic Party—Urges National Prohibition, Federal Suffrage Amendment and Election of President by Direct Popular Vote.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Reforms to which he hopes to commit the Democratic party and to see accomplished within the next four years were outlined tonight by William J. Bryan at a dinner given in his honor by admirers among Democratic officials and members of Congress. Nation-wide prohibition, he urged as most important, and other causes on his list included woman suffrage by Federal amendment, election of the President by direct popular vote and changes to make the constitution more easily amendable.

In addition to his programme to be advocated, Mr. Bryan gave a prominent place to two things he proposes to fight: The effort to give the Federal government exclusive control over railroad regulation, and the "menace of militarism" presented by proposals for universal military service.

Letter from the President.

Speeches lauding Mr. Bryan, and particularly his work for the party during the campaign just won, were made by many of the diners, and a letter was read from President Wilson, with whom the former Secretary and Mrs. Bryan had lunched during the day. The President wrote:

"Will you not be kind enough to convey my very cordial greetings to Mr. Bryan and to those who are assembled to do him honor at the dinner on Wednesday evening? In the recent campaign no one rendered more unselfish service than Mr. Bryan, and I am happy to know that this dinner expresses the genuine admiration of all Democrats for him. May I not by this means convey to him my warmest congratulations and best wishes for his continued health and happiness?"

"I shall take advantage of the opportunity which this dinner affords," said Mr. Bryan, "to point out a few of the issues which seem to me within the range of accomplishment during the next four years. But before taking up the things which should be secured, it is worth while to consider for a moment two things that should be presented.

Two Things He Will Fight.

"An effort is now being made by the railroads to secure legislation, and, if necessary, a constitutional amendment, depriving the states of all regulative power over them, and giving to Congress exclusive control over railroad regulation. The consolidation of all railroad legislation at Washington would not only transfer to the National capital an amount of work which would overwhelm the national authorities and therefore decrease the efficiency of Federal supervision, but it would bring a railroad influence into the election of every congressman and every senator, as well as intensify the railroads' interest in presidential campaigns.

"It would do more than that. It would practically obliterate state lines, and lead to a centralization which would threaten the very existence of our dual form of government.

"We cannot afford to shut our eyes to the menace of militarism as it is now presented in concrete form. A large increase in the number of army

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FRENCH GUNBOAT SUNK BY U-BOATS

Was Destroyed in Attack by Germans in the Portuguese Port of Funchal, Maderia.

34 OF CREW WERE KILLED

Two Steamers Also Torpedoed and a Few Portuguese Aboard Them Were Killed—Shore Shelled For Two Hours.

London, Dec. 6.—The French gunboat Surprise has been sunk by German submarines at Funchal, Maderia, according to an announcement by the Portuguese minister of marine in a wireless dispatch received here from Lisbon. Thirty-four of the crew of the gunboat perished.

A few Portuguese were also killed aboard the steamers Kanguroo and Dacia, which were torpedoed, according to the dispatch. A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Lisbon says:

"News received from Maderia says that 34 persons were killed in the bombardment of Funchal. The submarines shelled the shore for two hours, especially the English cable station and other public buildings, but only small damage was done. The steamer Kanguroo and Dacia were torpedoed."

The dispatch from the Portuguese minister of marine was dated Monday, showing that the shelling of Funchal occurred prior to that date.

Lloyd's announces that both the Dacia and the Kanguroo were torpedoed Sunday by a German submarine.

The Dacia was a British cable laying steamer of 1,856 tons and was owned in London. The Kanguroo was a French steamer of 2,241 tons. Her home port was Havre.

The gunboat Surprise was a vessel of 636 tons. She was 184 feet long and carried a complement of 100 men. The Surprise was built in 1895.

SCORE OF WOMEN IDENTIFY WAX AS "OLIVER OSBORNE"

Perjury Case Against Rae Tanzer and Her Witnesses to be Re-Opened.

New York, Dec. 6.—Positive identification of Charles H. Wax as "Oliver Osborne," elusive swain of a score of young women in this city, was made today by eight persons. He has yet, however, to face Miss Rae Tanzer, the factory worker whose $250,000 breach of promise suit against James W. Osborne, a prominent attorney whom she accused of courting her as "Oliver," led to a succession of legal proceedings.

Wax has admitted it was he who made love to Miss Tanzer.

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT REPORTS

Work for the Baptist State Convention Placed Squarely Before It Yesterday.

COLLEGES GIVEN HEARING

Addresses by Dr. Mullins Feature of Day's Programme—Great Forward Movement for Biblical Recorder Launched—Funston Episode.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 6. — The Baptist State Convention in session today appointed a committee to bear in person to President Wilson the protest against what is designated by the convention as the effort of General Frederick Funston to curtail the religious freedom of Baptist ministers in preaching the gospel, as they believe it, to the United States troops along the border.

The resolutions providing for the committee recite that the convention speaks for the 287,000 Baptists of North Carolina. They were enthusiastically adopted. John A. Oates, of Fayetteville, president of the convention, is named chairman of the committee which will call on the President.

Gets in Full Swing.

The Baptist State Convention, now in session in this city, got in full swing today. With the presentation of the reports of all the boards of the convention and brief statements from the heads of the various departments the entire work is now squarely before the convention.

The strong resolutions introduced by Dr. Hight C. Moore, of Raleigh, relative to the controversy between General Funston and Dr. J. B. Gambrell, the noted Texas Baptist minister, in reference to General Funston's restrictions on the Baptist ministers in their preaching to the soldiers along the border, elicited the liveliest interest.

A great forward movement was launched for the increased circulation of the Biblical Recorder, the denominational organ.

Educational Institutions.

President William Louis Poteat spoke of the progress and needs of Wake Forest College, as did also President Chas. E. Brewer, of the interests of Meredith College and Dr. B. W. Spilman those of Chowan College. All these institutions have outgrown their present quarters and stand in great need of increased equipment and endowment.

Dr. R. T. Vann, who has been re-elected corresponding secretary of the Board of Education, made an eloquent appeal for the denominational high schools in the State, of which are in dire need of finan help.

Rev. J. M. Arnett, of Mebane, was re-elected corresponding secretary of the Ministers' Relief Board.

The addresses of Dr. E. Y. Mullins

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M'ADOO'S REPORT SHOWS TREASURY TO HAVE BALANCE

Estimates That Fiscal Year Will Close With $115,000,000 to General Fund's Credit.

WILL BE DEFICIT IN 1918

Stock of Gold in United States is Greatest in History—Reserve System Praised.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Secretary McAdoo's annual report of the government's finances, presented to Congress today, estimates that the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, will show a balance of $115,000,000 in the general fund but that the figures a year later—June 30, 1918—will show a deficit in the general fund of $185,000,000.

Preliminary estimates place the cost of conducting the government for the coming fiscal year, 1918, exclusive of the postal service which is expected to be self sustaining, and other deductions, at $1,278,021,000. The ordinary receipts for the fiscal year 1918 he estimates at $905,550,000, which is $282,471,000 less than the estimated expense.

Estimates of large expenditures for national defense carry the estimated outlay beyond the estimated income.

For the fiscal year 1916, now drawing to a close, the Secretary reports great prosperity and expresses greatest confidence for the future. "During the past year," the Secretary says, "the prosperity which set in so strongly during the fiscal year 1915, has grown in strength and volume and is now widely diffused throughout the United States. Fundamental economic conditions have never been more sound. In all lines of industry efficiency of organization and production have reached the highest point in the country's history. General confidence in the future, healthful enterprise and development have been marked characteristics of the year.

Gold Stock Greatest in History.

"The financial strength of the United States—the greatest in our history—gives us a commanding position in world finance. We have been transformed from a debtor into a creditor nation. On November 1, 1916, the stock of gold coin and bullion in the United States was estimated at $2,700,136,976, an increase of $714,597,804 in the past 16 months. This is the largest stock of gold ever held in the United States or in any other country in the world. Through the operations of the Federal Reserve System and with our abundant supply of gold as a basis, the credit resources of the United States have become more than sufficient for home demand, and we have been able to finance our great domestic and foreign trade without strain and to extend vast amounts of credit to other nations throughout the world.

Value of Reserve System.

"The experience or the past two years has brought into strong relief

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NEWS FROM ATHENS IS BELIEVED SUPPRESSED

Press Messages Probably Do Not Describe Situation Fully.

British Foreign Office Says There is "Reason to Believe" Very Grave Acts of Violence Have Been Committed.

London, Dec. 6.—The foreign office has issued a statement to the effect that there is reason to believe that press messages do not give an accurate picture of the actual situation at Athens both because the royalists have succeeded in regaining control of the cable and press censorships and because the allied press correspondents in Athens are living under threats of personal violence, in common with all those suspected of Venizelist leanings. The foreign office adds:

"There is unfortunately reason to believe that very grave acts of violence have been committed by royalist forces and the mob."

Athens dispatches to the British authorities have led the foreign office to describe them to the Associated Press and constituting a programme of the royalists against the Venizelists.

The dispatch states that the looting of Venizelos' own house was conducted by Greek regulars under command of superior officers, including one general who wore prominent decorations. The royalists asserted that shots were fired from the house, but the British authorities deny that there is the slightest evidence to support this charge.

After the house was sacked and the articles removed, including the former premier's personal clothing, ten Cretans lodging there were imprisoned. Their subsequent fate is unknown.

Royalists then attacked the house of M. Kalopthakis, translator for the American legation. He took refuge in the American legation where the minister is protecting him.

LLOYD-GEORGE IS THE NEW PREMIER OF GREAT BRITAIN

Has Overthrown Asquith Cabinet and Will Create Another Coalition Government.

COUNCIL HELD AT PALACE

Representatives of Four Political Factions in Long Conference With the King.

London, Dec. 6.—David Lloyd-George has overthrown the Asquith cabinet and will become prime minister himself. The new government will be coalition, like the old one, but probably wit out the same measure of harmonious support which attended the formation of the first coalition government, because its birth has created additional factional differences.

This result has emerged from another day of active and hurred party conferences and a day of intense suspanse and interest throughout the country.

There was a prospect this afternoon that the personal offices of the king might solve the situation, and many thought that the Asquith regime might be continued. The king called the party leaders to Buckingham palace and conferred with them for more than an hour. Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd-George, of the liberals; Mr. Bonar-Law and Mr. Balfour, of the unionists, and Mr. Henderson, of the labor party, were with the sovereign. It is many years since a British ruler assembled the representatives of the different factions face to face when they had shown themselves unable to settle their difficulties.

What passed in council is held secret, but the inference that the king tried to arrange a reconciliation appears a most natural one. The five statesmen departed separately, four in their motor cars and the working men's spokesman afoot.

Afterwards the king gave an audience to Mr. Bonar-Law, who declined to undertake the formation of a new ministry, and then to Mr. Lloyd-George, who accepted the responsibility as every one anticipated he would if the opportunity came to him.

The official announcement tonight that Mr. Lloyd-George had undertaken the task with the co-operation of Mr. Bonar-Law was a notification that the new government would be coalition. Any party government would be impossible because neither the unionists nor the liberals have a majority in the house of commons; either one must attach the Irish nationalists or the laborites to itself to command a majority. The nationalists have refused to participate in the government until home rule becomes established. The laborites are sworn enemies of Mr. Lloyd-George because they resent his accusations that the working men have put their personal interests above their national interests at times during the war.

To Establish Dictatorship.

The country awaits the rising of the curtain on the next act of this historical and remarkable crisis with an expectancy which never surrounded the birth throes of any previous government.

The Lloyd-George ministry means the direction of the war by a dictatorship in the form of an inner council of the cabinet and means the scrapping of those elder statesmen, whose supremacy in the councils of the nation until they choose to withdraw from the scene voluntarily, has always heretofore been regarded by the British people as a matter of course.

Mr. Asquith, Mr. Balfour, Viscount Grey and Lord Lansdowne "must go,"

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WESTERN FRONT HELD IN GRASP OF WINTER

Only Artillery Fire Has Been Going on for Over a Week.

For Seven Days Thick Mist Has Hung Over the British-German Battlefield—Battle in Fog a Weird Affair.

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With the British Army in France, Dec. 3, via London, Dec. 6. (From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press)—Winter, cold, gray and bleak, has held the western battle fronts in icy grasp for more than a week now and has temporarily checked any attempt on either side at operations, except the usual daily "strafing," or exchange of artillery.

For the past seven days there has been a thick mist, but through this gray murk the guns kept hammering away, harassing post roads and rail heads or any other "registered" place, where the enemy was likely to be busy.

A battle in the fog is a weirdly mysterious and uncanny affair. A roar, a flash of red flame, and out into the leaden mist shrieks a shell on its well

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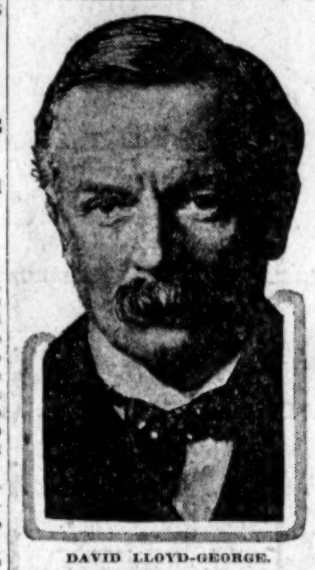
SWEEPING PROBE OF SOARING PRICES IS STARTED IN EARNEST

BRITAIN'S NEW PREMIER.



DAVID LLOYD-GEORGE.

Indications Are That the Inquiry Will Extend to Every Section of the Country.

RESOLUTIONS IN CONGRESS

President Wilson Studying Preliminary Reports and May Recommend Legislation.

MANY SPEECHES IN HOUSE

Fifty Picked Investigators Now Working on Problems.

Washington, Dec. 6. — The Federal investigation of the high cost of living began today to take definite form, with indications that it would be one of the most comprehensive ever undertaken and would extend to every section of the United States. Not only is a sweeping inquiry into the causes of the soaring cost of foodstuffs contemplated, but the recent pinch in the coal supply and its resultant price advances also may be made the subject of broad investigation.

From President Wilson down, officials began to cope in earnest with the problems presented by the situation. The President took under consideration preliminary reports which with others yet to come will form the basis for recommendations he may make to Congress.

Dozen Speeches in House.

A dozen speeches on the subject were made in the House and several resolutions, proposing inquiries, were introduced. These were referred to committees without discussion, most of them going to the Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee, of which Representative Adamson, who is opposed to embargoes, is the chairman.

Department of Justice officials conferred with members of the Federal Trade Commission and with District Attorney Anderson, of Boston, in charge of the department's investigation and here to formulate a definite plan of conducting the nation-wide inquiry. About 50 picked investigators of the department's Bureau of Investigation were reported to be at work throughout the country gathering data which will determine the Attorney General's course of action.

The Interstate Commerce Commission probably will be called upon to aid by furnishing data relative to shipments of foodstuffs, and Mr. Anderson will confer with commission officials before his departure. Grand jury investigation at New York or Chicago or both is said to be still under consideration.

Considered From Three Angles.

With the programme still in process of formation, there were increasing indications that officials were considering the situation from three angles, namely:

1—Determination of the actual causes of the rapid rise in foodstuffs and coal, whether it was due to natural economical laws, to the unwarranted action of individual dealers and producers in advancing prices or whether there exist agreements among groups of dealers or producers to boost prices.

2—Vigorous prosecution of persons or firms, if any, who, by violation of existing laws in making agreements to raise prices or otherwise have contributed to the upward trend of prices.

3—Enactment of legislation to remedy the present situation and to prevent its recurrence.

The situation now is in the first of these stages. Department of Justice officials have called upon the Federal Trade Commission for co-operation and were promised all data which the commission has bearing on the situation and aid in obtaining additional information.

May Investigate Exchanges

Department officials also are understood to be considering the advisability of investigating such organizations as the Chicago board of trade, the Chicago butter and egg exchange, the Elgin board of trade and the New York produce, sugar and coffee exchanges with a view to ascertaining by what practices the market values of certain foodstuffs dealth in by the bodies are determined. An inquiry into the amount of foodstuffs held in all the cold storage establishments of the country and possibly as to the volume of grain stored in elevators also is said to be under consideration.

Tried to "Corner" Coal?

Complaints have reached the department that coal prices were advanced recently largely because of the activities of certain independent dealers not heretofore in the business, who were reported to have contracted with the chief coal companies for virtually their entire unsold output for the winter. It was charged that these dealers, scent-

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ABOUT 500 PRESENT AT M. E. CONFERENCE

Bishop Kilgo Makes Impressive Remarks in Opening Annual Session in Durham.

PRESIDING ELDERS HEARD

Characters of All Passed—Standing Committees Named—Dr. McMurray Speaks—Sunday School Board Meets.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 6.—With 500 visitors and delegates in attendance, the 80th session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was convened in Memorial church this morning at 9:30. Bishop John C. Kilgo was in the chair and opened the services with the reading of the tenth chapter of Hebrews. He commented thus on the Scripture reading:

"The gospel is not a repudiation but a completion and substitution of law. The Lord said he came to fulfill the law. This law is holy, just, and true, but has no flexibility. Therefore, it must not be rudely set aside. The sacrifice of this life is the sacrifice of will. The essence of the atonement is in the expression of the will. The sacrifice purges our whole life and brings us into the consciousness that God has nothing against us and we have nothing against Him."

Preceding the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's supper, the delegation joined in the singing of "Happy Day, When Jesus Washed my Sins Away." The bishop led in the singing, Rev. A. D. Betts, of Greensboro, the oldest minister of the conference, stood

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CARRANZA MAY HAVE RATIFIED PROTOCOL

Alberto J. Pani Reported on Way Back to Washington.

If Action Has Been Favorable Joint Commission Will Re-Convene to Discuss Mexican Problems Not Yet Settled.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Unofficial information today that Alberto J. Pani, who carried to General Carranza the border protection protocol agreed to at Atlantic City, was on his way back to the United States from Mexico, was construed at the State Department as an indication that the first chief had ratified the document. The joint committee that drafted the protocol adjourned November 23 to re-assemble December 8, if Carranza's action was favorable.

It is believed Mr. Pani will cross the border at Laredo perhaps tomorrow and make a telegraphic report from there. If he reports the ratification of the protocol, the commission will convene here Friday and adjourn until he can reach Washington.

Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican commission, in an interview credited to him recently in a Mexico City

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SUGGESTS CHANGE IN NAMING CADETS

Baker Would Have Preparatory Military Schools Train Candidates for West Point.

MAKES HIS ANNUAL REPORT

Secretary of War Wants the Present System of Appointment to Military and Naval Academies Abolished.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Efficient military organization of the nation demands abandonment of the present system of selecting candidates for admission to the Military Academy, Secretary Baker declares in his annual report, made public today. Instead of having the President and members of Congress designate students to take the entrance examinations, the Secretary urges that preparatory schools be established by the government and graduates of these institutions who show the greatest fitness be further trained at West Point or Annapolis.

"It seems likely," Mr. Baker says, "that schools of this sort would spread the field of selection ideally over the country and make the cadets at West Point and midshipmen at Annapolis bodies of young men selected by a demonstration of their special aptitude for the pursuit of military service."

Amplifies His Suggestion.

Amplifying his suggestion, he adds:

"The method of selection of cadets for West Point has for years consisted of designation by the President, Senators, and Representatives, with examination as a prerequisite to acceptance; but we are learning daily that a nation efficiently organized from a military point of view must of necessity be efficiently organized industrially. We are learning also that the ideal military preparation of any country is one which is readily expanded in an emergency so as to include great numbers of men in the industrial and commercial life of the nation who have had enough preliminary training to make them convertible by brief additional training into officers. Should the United States ever be called upon to meet a great military emergency a large army would have to be sustained and supported by a highly co-ordinated industrial system.

"There should therefore be in the country at all times a great body of men trained as mechanics, whose places in such an emergency would not in the ranks of the fighting for at the lathes and forges from wi ammunition supply of the army must be drawn.

Suggests Preparatory Schools.

"I venture to believe that if the Federal government were to establish in a number of places throughout the country schools preparatory to the Military Academy at West Point and the Naval Academy at Annapolis, in which the rudiments of a sound education, the elements of mechanical skill, the principles of business co-ordination, and the beginnings of military science were taught, these schools would develop the natural aptitudes of the students in such a way as to supply those fittest by temperament and talent to pursue in the Military Academy and the Naval Academy the study of military science; and incidentally these schools would furnish a great body of men returning to civil life fitted by training either to respond in an emergency to a call to the colors or to take their places as civil soldiers in the service of the government in those industries and undertakings fundamental to the successful conduct of military operations.

"The suggestion here made ought not perhaps to be further elaborated in this report, but I think it will be apparent on reflection that no expenditure in contemplation of a great military emergency would be more apt or helpful than one which gave to 25,000 or 30,000 young men the inspiration of industrial education at the hands of the government, indoctrinated them with the spirit of service to their country, and tabulated them so that they would be always available for either the military or industrial service which their academic experience indicated most in accordance with their aptitudes."

Mr. Baker calls attention to the fact that he did not take office until March 9, 1916, succeeding General Scott, who was Secretary ad interim after the resignation of Secretary Garrison. He reviews briefly the history of affairs on the Mexican border beginning with the raid on Columbus, N. M., and carrying it forward to November 20th, the date of the report. On that day, he says, there are still 110,000 officers and men of the National Guard on the border in addition to approximately 48,000 members of the regular army.

Under the sub-heading, "The Present Situation," the report continues:

"The mere presence of this enlarged force has served to preserve peace and protect life and property. Disturbances by outlaws and bandits in Northern Mexico have continued and roving bands of various numbers have moved through the territory, harrassing Mexican forces and raiding Mexican communities, but they have not ventured an attack upon the people of the United States. In the meantime the militia forces on the border have been drilled, their organizations perfected, and their personnel accustomed to life in camp in the performance of this defensive duty."

GAVE THEMSELVES RECEPTION

Chadbourn-Whiteville Band Treats Itself to a Feast.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 6.—The Chadbourn-Whiteville band got tired waiting for somebody to give them a reception, so they got together at Whiteville last night and had a big dinner, consisting mostly of oysters and more oysters. The boys all claim they had a time and the evidences were that y did.

ABOUT 500 PRESENT AT M. E. CONFERENCE

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as he was supported by his wife, and joined in the hymnal expression. He has been a minister for 60 years.

Presiding Elders J. T. Gibbs, J. C. Wooten, G. T. Adams and J. E. Underwood assisted Bishop Kilgo in the administration of the ritual and supper.

Rev. R. H. Willis was re-elected secretary of the conference. Revs. J. M. Ormond and G. T. Simmons were re-elected assistant secretaries and C. J. Harrell was chosen statistical secretary.

Presiding Elder C. L. Read, of the Washington district, for the presiding elders, nominated the following standing committees and they were elected:

Standing Committees.

Books and Periodicals—Clerical, O. W. Dowd, H. E. Spence, R. B. John, S. A. Cotton, C. B. Culbreth, Euclid McWhorter, J. B. Thompson, J. L. Rumley, D. L. Earnheardt; lay, W. P. Few, J. C. Wrenn, J. G. Brown, Dr. M. Bottom, M. G. Brown, T. A. Green, W. H. Humphrey, Col. J. F. Bruton, H. S. McGirt.

Conference Relations—Clerical, D. H. Tuttle, C. W. Robinson, A. J. Parker, E. E. Rose, G. W. Fisher, J. M. Wright, A. L. Ormund, W. P. Constable, W. J. Watson.

Church Property—Clerical, W. C. Martin, L. W. Chaffin, J. H. Buffaloe, L. T. Singleton, E. C. Sell, C. D. Durant, B. C. Stanfield, W. E. Trotman; lay, J. T. Ware, T. V. Smith, W. M. Saunders, E. B. Stallings, J. W. Dale, E. B. Sanderlin, M. J. Bost, C. H. Key, J. T. Thorne.

District Conference Records—All clerical, O. J. Hinson, N. E. Coltrane, T. A. Sykes, R. W. Bailey, T. G. Vickers, R. Bradley, Frank Culbreth, J. W. Benson, W. J. Covington.

Temperance—Clerical, T. M. Gantt, J. A. Hornaday, A. D. Wilcox, R. C. Beaman, J. P. Pate, J. C. Humble, N. C. Yearby, R. R. Grant; lay, G. C. Hicks, S. P. Patch, J. O. Busby, A. M. Burton, W. T. Shaw, R. R. Taylor, B. W. O'Neil, B. B. Reynolds, W. H. Newell.

Sabbath Observance—Clerical, J. J. Boone, W. R. Royall, R. F. Bumpass, R. H. Broom, P. D. Woodall, D. N. Caviness, M. D. Hix, G. P. Perry, B. H. Black; lay, A. F. Dillard, J. D. McIver, Dr. T. E. White, J. T. Flythe, J. B. Merritt, J. G. A. Wood, J. T. Thorne, J. B. Merritt.

Memoirs—Clerical, G. T. Oldham.

Admissions—All clerical, G. J. Harrell, in place of J. C. Wooten; E. M. Snipes in place of C. L. Read.

Conference Boards.

Substitutions on conference boards: On Board of Mission, M. T. Plyler, in place of J. D. Bundy.

On Board of Education: H. M. North, in place of J. C. Wooten; R. H. Willis in place of C. L. Read; A. L. Ormand in place of J. B. Hurley.

On Board of Church Extension, J. E. Koonce in place of C. D. Koonce.

On Sunday School Board, E. R. Mixon in place of C. H. Bland.

On Joint Board of Finance, J. E. Weaver in place of A. L. Newby.

Presiding Elders Report

Question No. 22, as to the blameless lives of preachers, was answered in the affirmative, as to the nine presiding elders. The reports of the various presiding elders were received and favorably commented upon.

Presiding Elder L. E. Thompson, of the Wilmington district, indicated the erection of four new churches. The increase in members for the year was 900—a net increase of 500.

Dr. W. F. Murray, of Louisville, Ky., secretary of the Extension Board of the Southern Methodist church, made a brief address indicating the growth of the Extension Board loan. It has grown from $200,000 to $900,000 and is capable of an expansion to five million dollars. The Extension Board of the South loaned $25,000 more than the Northern branch of the Methodist church in 1915. It has built 60 per cent. of the churches in the South, either by encouragement or actual monetary expenditure.

Sunday School Board Meets.

The Sunday School Board of the North Carolina Methodist Conference met tonight in Memorial church, with W. B. Cooper, of Wilmington, presiding. He is chairman of the board.

J. M. Way, a Sunday school organizer of the South, and M. W. Brabham, retiring field secretary of the North Carolina Sunday school forces, made brief speeches. The report of Mr. Brabham was read. He had visited 500 of the 700 Sunday schools and 1,500 Sunday school books have been introduced.

The second annual meeting of the Wesley Bible Class Federation will be held in Rocky Mount in April, 1917. Teacher training has been introduced in Trinity College and Trinity Park School to the extent of 146 students. Prof. W. W. Peele has charge of the classes.

J. M. Way favored the adoption of the Bible in the public schools of North Carolina and thought the people were derelict of a duty in failing to adopt such a measure.

Unification Question.

Whether the conference will or will not vote for unification of the Methodist Church in America, according to the tentative plan submitted to the church at the last general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Oklahoma City, is the question of paramount interest before the Conference. Both the Western North Carolina and Virginia conferences recently voted in favor of unification and it is expected that this conference will take similar action.

A proposal to amend the constitution of the conference in order to increase the lay representation and permit the lay leader to become a member also is attracting a great deal of attention. There are now four lay representatives from each of the nine districts of the conference.

The report of virtually every department will show progress in the work of the conference during the year, it was said. The North Carolina Conference embraces all counties in the State east of the Yadkin river and skirting the edges of Randolph, Guilford and Rockingham counties. At the 1915 session a membership of 89,704 was reported in the several circuits, stations and missions.

The Appointments.

Only one presiding elder, Rev. L. E. Thompson, of the Wilmington district, and 22 preachers have served their time limit of four years on one charge, but other changes are also expected. Among the charges open are Edenton, Hay Street church, Fayetteville; Sanford, St. John's church, Goldsboro; Louisburg, and Central church, Raleigh. The charge at Smithfield also will be open because of the resumption by Rev. R. B. John of his duties as president of Carolina College.

Nine applications for admission and two for re-admission into the Methodist ministry will be received by the conference.

Many prominent ministers and laymen from other states are expected to deliver addresses, the programme including the names of Dr. John R. Pepper, of Memphis, Tenn.; Dr. Franklin N. Parker, of Atlanta, Ga., of the faculty of Emory College; Dr. F. S. Parker, of Nashville, general secretary of the Epworth League, and Dr. John R. Stuart, also of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Ministerial Relief Fund.

SWEEPING PROBE OF SOARING PRICES IS STARTED IN EARNEST

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ing fat profits, had tried to corner the available supply and thus forced up prices.

These and other complaints under investigation will be considered with a view of prosecution, if warranted, under Federal laws which require that the supplies in question must have been in or for interstate commerce.

Proposals Before Congress.

Proposals in Congress looking to a remedy for the problem ranged from a discussion of the Omnibus Hatcheries bill, which would provide for fish hatcheries in 20 states, to a declaration by Chairman Henry, of the Rules committee, after a conference with the President that he thought Congress would conduct an investigation of the high cost of living. They embraced resolutions by Representatives Borland and Dill providing for general investigations, a resolution by Representative Campbell, of Kansas, which would provide for an embargo on boots, shoes and manufactured leather goods and a bill by Representative Sabath, of Illinois, designed to aid Federal employes to meet the situation by increase from 10 to 20 per cent. salaries of those earning up to $1,800 annually.

SUGGESTS AN INQUIRY WITH VIEW TO FEDERAL REGULATION.

New York, Dec. 6.—In a letter to President Wilson, made public here tonight, John J. Dillon, state commissioner of foods and markets, suggested that a Federal commissioner be appointed to investigate the problems now confronting producers and consumers with a view of obtaining government regulation.

"In our efforts to establish an efficient and economic system for the distribution of food in this state, and to standardize prices under the law of supply and demand," Commissioner Dillon wrote to the President, "we find ourselves embarrassed by several conditions which are of a national character and cannot be satisfactorily controlled by state regulation."

The commissioner enumerated these conditions as follows:

Lack of definite and uniform standards or grades of farm food products; lack of standard and uniform packages for the transportation and sale of food products; difficulty and expense of securing definite information in regard to the movement and destination of crops; no definite or complete report of the volume of goods held in cold storage in the many storage houses throughout the country; a discrimination in time and rates against various kinds of products and different locations; manipulation of prices by speculators and food exchanges at many centers wthin and without the city; conspiracies or co-operation between the food exchanges and speculators on one hand, and the official quotations of sales and prices on the other; lack of public abattoirs and open markets for the sale of meat cattle at competitive prices; lack of terminal facilities for the sale of farm products and economic distribution of the same.

The commissioner said he understood the Federal government "is now spending in the neighborhood of $25,000,000 largely for education and encouragement of larger production on the farms."

"A very small part of this appropriation," he added, "would be sufficient to test out a plan of open public markets where goods would be sold to all comers, to the highest bidder, and prices established on the basis of supply and demand."

HON. J. W. LOGUE ORATOR

Prominent Congressman to Deliver Main Address at Laying of Cornerstone of Federal Building.

Congress J. Washington Logue of Philadelphia, Pa., will deliver the main address on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of Wilmington's new Federal building next Saturday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock. Mr. George P. Galvin, Grand Knight of the local council Knights of Columbia and chairman of the committee on arrangements, announced last night that Congressman Logue had accepted the invitation extended him to be the orator of the occasion.

Congressman Logue, who is a Democrat, is also one of the foremost lawyers of his native city. He was admitted to the bar in 1885, and since that time with the exception of the time spent in Washington has been engaged in the active practice of his profession. He has also been prominent in civic and social reform work in Philadelphia. He is a pleasing and gifted orator, and those who hear him will be well entertained.

Immediately following the laying of the cornerstone, Mayor P. Q. Moore will deliver an address, after which he will introduce Congressman Logue.

Those who will active participate in the laying of the cornerstone include: Mr. George P. Galvin, representing the Knights of Columbus; Mayor P. Q. Moore, representing the city of Wilmington; Col. Walker Taylor, as collector of customs; General Jas. I. Metts, representing the Confederate Veterans; Mr. Marcus Jacobi, representing the Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Roger Moore, representing the Rotary Club; and Mr. A. T. Robertson; representing the Royal Arcanum.

Following Congressman Logue's address the ceremonies will come to an end, when the benediction will be pronounced by Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton, rector of St. James' church.

An impressive parade of the fraternal and civic organizations of the city through the streets of the city will be one of the features of the exercises. Arrangements for the parade are being made by Mr. Roger Moore, who will act as grand marshal, representing the Rotary Club. The Confederate Veterans who will also take part in the parade will assemble at the W. L. I. Armory at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon and later march to the city hall where they will join the other members. It is likely that the start will be made from the city hall. The exact line of march for the parade has not yet been decided upon, Mr. Meore stated last night.

NEW MILK DISTRIBUTING SYSTEM IS WORKING WELL

Mr. Warren Says Delivering Milk to 700-Odd Consumers is City.

The distributing of milk from the central station on B [illegible] although it entailes [illegible] delivering bottles [illegible] 700-odd consumers daily, [illegible] published with a minimum of [illegible] Mr. A. G. Warren stated [illegible]

Mr. Warren, who [illegible] over the work of delivering pra[illegible] the entire city's milk supply [illegible] on December 1, states that all tan[illegible] have now been straightened out [illegible] the confusion which was n[illegible] the first day has disappear[illegible]

Mr. C. E. Hask[illegible] city, who was formerly con[illegible] the State Bureau of Marke[illegible] employed at the creamery [illegible] by Mr. Warren. Mr. E. [illegible] the University of Wiscons[illegible] who will have charge of [illegible] end of the creamery an[illegible] business, has also arrived an[illegible] the duties connected with hi[illegible]

KING ISSUES ORDER

British Board of Agriculture to Take Over Land for Cultivation.

London, Dec. 6.—King George has signed an order in council empowering the board of agriculture to take over unoccupied or occupied land for the purpose of cultivation.

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DENY JURISDICTION OF JUDGE BOND IN MATTER

State Board of Elections May Ignore His "Interference."

Will Meet on 19th and Pass Upon Returns from Tenth Unless Supreme Court Has Acted—Progress at Central Hospital.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 6.—In taking recess today to December 19 in compliance with the order of Judge Bond in the Britt-Weaver contest for the certificate as congressman from the Tenth congressional district, Governor Craig and the State Board of Elections stated that they deny the jurisdiction of Judge Bond to interfere with their discharge of their statutory duty in the matter of the award of the certificate in accordance with the official returns from the district now in their hands, and that when they meet on the 19th, the last day under the provisions of the statute within which they can act, they propose to discharge their duty with respect thereto.

This means that if the Supreme Court has not heard and decided the appeal from Buncombe in the proceeding before Judge Adams, they will ignore any further action by Judge Bond and award the certificate to Weaver as the returns require.

A special term of Sampson county Superior court to continue two weeks from January 1 has been ordered by Governor Craig with Judge Whedbee presiding.

Superintendent Albert Anderson, of the Central hospital for the insame, is founding out his report for the past year and recommendations to the Legislature. There are 1,037 patients being treated in the hospital. A special receiving building has been provided at a cost of $35,000 and a nurses' home that cost $25,000. Then $15,000 was expended for plumbing for the two buildings. The hospital management saved all except $35,000 for the building from their general funds, the $35,000 having been a special appropriation.

BRYAN LAUDED IN SPEECHES AT DINNER GIVEN IN HIS HONOR

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and navy officers drawing salaries for life, and trained in a profession which teaches reliance upon the steel blade rather than upon the sword of Truth, tends to substitute false standards of honor for the more peaceful standards that prevail among the producers of wealth.

"It is not unnatural that the magnifying of the profession of arms should give support to the proposal for universal military service, a system which is not only unnecessary but the adoption of which could not fail to breed that military spirit which has contributed so largely to the encouragement of war in other lands."

To inform the voters of questions under consideration at an election, Mr. Bryan proposed the publication of a government bulletin with space divided among political parties according to voting strength. He also suggested that newspapers, in return for the mailing privileges, should be required to give certain space for matter the government desires published.

Election by Direct Vote.

"The election has shown us the clumsiness of our electoral college and the dangers which attend this method of election," he continued.

"Some plan should be devised by which the voters can vote directly for the President."

The speaker said he believed if the constitution were more easily amenable the rule of the people would be more secure. He suggested that when a majority of both Houses in two successive Congresses submit an amendment and that amendment is ratified by a majority of the states, it becomes operative, provided the amendment also receives a majority of all the votes cast on that proposition in all the states.

Continuing, Mr. Bryan said:

Federal Suffrage Amendment.

"Equal suffrage was the one question upon which all parties were agreed in the last campaign, their differences relating only to the method of securing the reform.

"While the Democratic and Republican parties failed to commit themselves to a National amendment, we might as well recognize the fact that a National adenment will come when the reform is adopted in a sufficient number of states to make its adoption by the Nation probable. The Democratic party, which builds up a foundation which is essentially ethical—the doctrine of brotherhood—has that reason for welcoming the co-operation of women in the work which lies before the party, and it has especial reason for regarding woman suffrage with favor at this time since the influence of the women in the close states was sufficient to determine the result.

"I have saved for the last the reform which wil linvolve the fiercest contest and will will when accomplished bring the largest benefit, namely, abolition of the saloon.

"The Democratic party having won without the aid of the wet cities and having received the support of nearly all the prohibition states, and the states where the women vote ,is released from any obligation to the liquor traffic. It is free to take the moral side of this great moral issue and I have no doubt that it will live up to its opportunities and obligations.

"The argument that National prohibition is an assault upon the rights of the states has little weight in the states which have already adopted prohibition, and its weight in the Nation will therefore diminish as the number of phobition states increases. The Democratic party is the party of the people and the home is the people's citadel. The fight against the saloon is a fight for the home and for humanity. The Democratic party, therefore, cannot resitate to choose the home against the greatest enemy that has arisen to menace it."

Mr. Bryan departed from the prepared text of his speech to advocate a referendum on propose ddeclarations of war.

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT REPORTS

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on "Our Baptist Heritage," and "Baptists and Education," have been distinct features of the day's programme.

The feature of this morning's session was the setting apart of February for an active campaign among pastors and laymen for the support of the Biblical Recorder, described as the most tremendous influence at work for the strengthening and upbuilding of the Baptist cause in the State.

"Some preachers don't take it," said Mr. D. L. Gore, of Wilmington. "The laymen ought to see that they do."

Dr. Hight C. Moore presented the report on the Biblical Recorder, which was discussed by Rev. C. J. Thompson and Rev. J. S. Farmer. Before the report was taken up Dr. R. T. Vann, secretary of the education board, expressed his gratitude for the support given him by North Carolina Baptists during the past year.

CARRANZA MAY HAVE RATIFIED PROTOCOL

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newspaper referred to the subjects to be discussed after the ratification of the protocol as of "minor importance," but the programme drafted by the American commissioners includes a list of subjects regarded by them as of great importance.

The American commissioners, it is understood, will insist on an agreement to all addenda to the protocol that will serve as a guarantee that the Carranza government will respect and protect the rights of Americans and other foreigners in Mexico. The amendment or annulment of all decrees that provide for confiscation of foreign owned property, and the readjustment of decrees providing virtually prohibitory schedules of taxation on mines and other industries also may be asked.

GRAHAM REMINDS BOARD OF HIS PREROGATIVES

Says He is Elected by the People; Responsible to Them.

Commissioner Submits Annual Report of Department of Agriculture to the State Board—Corn Crop Million Bushels Short.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 6.—In his report for the year to the State Board of Agriculture today, Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham estimated that the corn crop in this State the past year was 56,000,000 bushels, nearly a million bushels short of the previous crop. The oat crop was the poorest ever harvested; Irish and sweet potatoes were very fine.

The State is for the seventh year first in the production of cotton per acre and in the amount of sweet potatoes, peanuts and soja beans. The wheat crop is sufficient to feed the population and have several thousand barrels to export. The corn is sufficient for the needs of the State and the production of animals for beef and pork is considerable.

Commissioner Graham takes exception to some former orders of the board as invading his official powers, especially in controling department publications and appointing heads of divisions, and tells the members in his report that it would be pleasant for the board to recognize his authority which the law confers on him and sustained by the rulings of the Attorney General and that he is elected by the people and responsible to the people and not to the board. "I am commissioner," he tells them, "and it would be desirable to have matters proceed pleasantly, but I do not propose to submit to subordination by the direct vote or inuendo." He charges members of the board with attempting to do indirectly what they could not under the ruling of the Attorney General do directly.

The Commissioner in his treatment of progress and conditions in State test farm work, recommended abandonment of commercial farming on these farms so long as they are maintained and more attention at a number of them to raising mules and other stock.

In hog cholera serum work the sales have increased from 56,496 cc. in 1911 to 2,636,948 cc. in 1916.

In cattle tick eradication, the work has advanced until there are only 22 counties in the extreme east that are not entirely cleared and work of eradicating is under way in nearly half of these. If the Legislature would give the department an appropriation of $20,000 the whole State, through co-operation with the Federal authorities, could be cleared of the tick evil.

GREGORY RECOMMENDS CHANGE IN STATUTES

Attorney General Makes Annual Report to Congress.

Would Amend Commodities Clause, Divorcing Transportation From Production—Urges Perfection of Neutrality Laws.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Complete divorcement of transportation from production by amending the commodities clause of the Interstate Commerce law; authority to sue corporations wherever they transact business; perfection of neutrality laws, and extension of the right of search warrant in criminal cases are among the recommendations of Attorney General Gregory in his annual report to Congress, made public today.

The Attorney General says that despite the government's victory in the Supreme Court in the Lackawanna Coal Company case the railroads are still able to claim that the commodities clause does not prohibit them from engaging in production along their lines, provided only that they sell the articles produced before transporting them. He urges an amendment, introduced at the last session of Congress, to prohibit a railroad from transporting articles manufactured or produced by it or by any corporation it controls or it is affiliated with by having the same controlling stockholders, irrespective of interest in the articles at the time of transportation. He says it is also necessary that Congress prohibit any railroad owned or controlled by a producing or trading corporation, and not merely a plant, from transporting the articles produced or owned.

Employment for Federal prisoners and an amendment to the criminal code to prohibit the false labeling of packages which contain arms and ammunition are among other recommendations. The last is to meet evasions of the embargo on arms to Mexico.

The present administration, the Attorney General says, has insisted upon more effective dissolutions of monopolies and combinations in restraint of trade and at the same time "has been solicitous to avoid prosecutions for which there is no adequate ground." During the year ten of these cases have been finally determined and of 36 cases now pending 15, including the Reading, Lehigh Valley, Harvester, Steel, Kodak, and Shoe Machinery cases, have reached the Supreme Court. Of those disposed of, one was the case of the National Register Company, whose conviction was set aside by the Court of Appeals, annulling two counts of the indictment and construing the third so as to make a successful retrial impossible, and the Attorney General says "the criminal proceedings will not be further prosecuted."

M'ADOO'S REPORT SHOWS TREASURY TO HAVE BALANCE

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the value of the Federal Reserve System. It is not too much to say that our great prosperity could not exist without it. The usefulness of the system has been broadened recently by the amendatory act of September 7, 1916, which renders it more attractive to member banks and increases the score and services of the Federal reserve banks. Due to the transference of vault and other reserves to Federal reserve banks, authorized by the original act and amendatory act, the resources of said banks are now more than $650,300,000, while the total reserves held are over $400,000,000, and, in addition, more than $230,000,000 is held by Federal reserve agents as special security against Federal reserve notes. About one-fourth of the country's stock of gold is thus mobilized in the hands of the Federal reserve banks and agents.

"The increasing strength and efficiency of the Federal reserve banks have enabled them to enlarge their direct service to the business community through the introduction of a definite and comprehensive system for the par clearance of checks throughout the country.

Low Discount Rate.

"Rates of discount at Federal Reserve banks have continued low throughout the year and most of their open-market paper, consisting largely of acceptances growing out of foreign trade, has been taken below a 2 1-2 per cent basis. Rates of interest throughout the country have been reduced and stabilized with great advantage to the business of the country.

"It would have been impossible to finance our vast domestic and foreign trade without the facilities provided by the Federal Reserve system. Not only has it met the normal and extraordinary needs of business, but it has established confidence securely. Business has been able to go forward without apprehension and the several crises which the country has faced in its international relations during the past two years have been accompanied by no disturbances and have caused not even a tremor in the financial world. The crops of 1915 and 1916 were financed without difficulty and to the great advantage of the farmers, and the industrial troubles which at one time seemed imminent, because of the threatened railway strike last summer, were not accompanied by the slightest financial uneasiness. Happily, the country has been at peace and business and enterprise have had the largest opportunity for favorable development under the most auspicious conditions.

"If we make intelligent use of our great power and exceptional financial resources, we can cope successfully with any conditions the future may develop."

Waste on Federal Buildings.

One of the features of the report is a discussion of present methods of constructing public buildings.

"I am convinced," says the Secretary, "that the methods pursued by the Congress for the past 15 years of providing Federal buildings through so-called omnibus public building bills have resulted in the construction of many public buildings in small towns and localities where they are not needed, and at a cost which is clearly unjustified by any actual requirements of the communities in which they are erected. The conclusion is irresistible that authorizations for public buildings in these small communities are too frequently dictated by local reasons and without regard to the best interests of the government. The most serious aspect is this: The annual operation and maintenance of these buildings impose on the Treasury a permanent and constantly increasing burden.

"Common sense and business judgment would seem to demand that structures for the transaction of government business should be authorized only in localities where they are imperatively needed, and that buildings should not be erected where no public necessity can be shown. This result can be accomplished by divorcing the public building question from all local or political considerations and authorizing no public buildings until a thorough and intelligent investigation of each proposed building or project has been made to this department and a full report thereon has been submitted to Congress. If such reports were followed by the introduction and passage of separate measures to cover each proposed building project the abuses and evils of the omnibus bill method would be eradicated."

War Risk Insurance.

The Federal War Risk Insurance Bureau, Mr. McAdoo says, should be extended a year to September 2, 1918, since Congress might not be in session next September and it would be impossible then to continue the work if the European war is still in progress and serious injury to American business might result. The report says up to November 17, nearly 1,700 policies were written by the bureau with total rick of more than $14,610,000 and losses amounting to $833,924. Premiums received amounted to $3,142,525.

In speaking of customs revenues, which increased about $3,400,000 over the previous year, the Secretary says the European conflict is still interfering with such receipts.

London, Dec. 6.—Twenty-six women were killed and about 30 injured by an explosion in a munition factory last night, according to an official announcement, which adds that the effect of the accident upon the munitions output will be negligible.

URIC ACID POISONING

(By Dr. N. C. Cook.)

A poison as dangerous as strychnine is manufactured within our own bodies, called uric acid. When it accumulates in the body and the kidneys fail to carry it off, we suffer from dull headache, sleeplessness, muscular pains, lumbago, or it may cause rheumatism or gout. The uric acid can be seen in the cloudy sediment in the water—what is called the "brick dust" noted on the sides of the vessel containing it—after a few hours' standing. The water is scant, high-colored, strongly acid, and this should be a danger sign, and if not taken in time by cutting out the meat, tea and alcohol, may end in rheumatism or gout.

Drink plenty of water between meals—a pint of hot water one-half hour before meals is the best—and take Anuric. This was first discovered by Dr. Pierce, of the Surgical Institute in Buffalo, N. Y., and is harmless to the system, but sure and effective in carrying off the uric acid. It stimulates the kidneys and helps them to carry off the uric acid poison. Anuric can be obtained at almost any drug store, and helps to counteract the acidity of the system.

A blockade in the intestines piles a heavy burden upon the liver. If the intestines are choked or clogged up, the circulation of the blood becomes poisoned and the system becomes loaded with toxic waste, and we suffer from headache, yellow-coated tongue, bad taste in mouth, nausea, or gas, acid dyspepsia, languor, debility, yellow skin or eyes. At such times one should take a pleasant laxative. Such a one is made of the May-apple, leaves of aloe and root of jalap, first extracted and put into ready-to-use from by Dr. Pierce nearly fifty years ago, and sold by all druggists as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

MEAT CAUSE OF KIDNEY TROUBLE

Take a Glass of Salts If Your Back Hurts or Bladder Bothers—Meat Forms Uric Acid.

If you must have your meat every day eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region; sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids, to cleanse the kidneys and flush off the body's urinous waste, get four ounces of jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink.

Bon Marche (Incorporated). "The Store With the Christmas Spirit" Bon Marche Incorporated.

Store Open Until 9 o'clock Tonight

The window trimming contest will be inaugurated this evening and the Bon Marche will place its three windows in the competition with the other merchants of the city, and we will be pleased to have you view them.

Suggestions for Christmas Shoppers

This store is thronged daily with eager Christmas shoppers. They realize that Christmas is a little more than two weeks off and that in order to secure the widest choice of selection they must choose now. To aid them in selecting a Christmas present we have compiled a small list of appropriate and acceptable Christmas gifts.

Ladies' neckwear, newest styles, Prettily Boxed, priced at **25¢, 50¢** and on up.

Skating sets of knitted scarf and cap, in rose, green, Copenhagen and brown; priced at **$1.50** to **$2.50.**

Ladies' handbags in velvets, velour and leather; priced at **$1.00** to **$12.50.**

Tea trays, mahogany frame, glass covered, with novel design in the background; priced at **$1.25** to **$3.00.**

American made Character Dolls, many cunning expressions, priced at **$1.25.**

Vanity bags, silk trimmed, with gold or silver lace, mirror in the bottom, powder puff inside, priced at **50¢** to **$1.75.**

Boxed handkerchiefs, embroidered cotton and sheer linen, with white and colored embroidered corners, 3 to 6 in a box, priced at **75¢** to **$3.00** per box.

Umbrellas for men, women and children, plain and elaborate handles; cotton, gloria and silk, priced at **75¢, $1.00** to **$6.50.**

McCallum superior quality Silk Hose, white and black, priced at **$1.25** pair.

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PYTHIANS ELECT OFFICERS

Councils Lodge Holds Meeting and Chooses Members for Honors.

Councils, N. C., Dec. 6.—Councils Lodge, No. 170, Knights of Pythias, held its regular meeting last night and the officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

Chancelor commander, W. B. Hobbs; vice chancellor, C. B. Holmes; prelate, L. E. Squires; master of works, W. T. Pate; master of exchequer, A. H. Holmes; master of finance, Dr. A. B. Holmes; keeper of records and seals, E. B. Council; master of arms, J. O. Hines; inner guard, J. T. Bratcher; outer guard, R. C. Bradshaw.

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

All that we call modern civilization, in a sense which deserves the name, is the visible expression of the transforming power of the gospel. —FROUDE.

One good dinner deserves another.

Using daylight properly would make your expenses lighter.

Those who are anxious to get into war don't retain their anxiousness after they get into it.

The European war situation at present only proves what Sherman said. Dope it out yourself.

Save your pennies in view of the fact that those who sell you something to eat will get your dollars. —

Money wasted on Christmas cake would pay for many sittings over waffles, batter cakes and muffins.

Little nations ought to keep out of wars that are not their size. However, even that gives them no assurance that war will keep out of them.

A man out West says he voted 37 times, but inasmuch as he has not boasted about helping the Democrats win he must have lost his 37 votes.

When a fellow comes to a conclusion he accepts it after the manner of getting possession of a gold brick, but when a conclusion comes to a fellow he looks upon it as a stern reality.

That Chicago board of investigators has demonstrated the fact that a man can live there on 39 cents a day. Maybe he would have to do it if he were determined to put up with Chicago.

The Lakeland (Fla.) Telegram says: "The census estimate gives Florida a little less than a million people." We are surprised to find it out. We inferred from their noise all these years that Florida was mostly populated.

Villa kept out of the way of the Americans when they were after him, but as soon as the Mexicans got after him he turned around and got after them. This indicates that Villa knew that the Americans would get him if he did not keep on going.

The Raleigh News and Observer and the Greensboro Record insist that "there is money in bees." Maybe so, but when a bee gets an idea that you want to get her money she backs up against you and gives a sudden push. But when you want to get money out of bees, don't try to get it out at the wrong end.

The friends of Senator Bourne and Representative David J. Lewis are disputing as to which was the author of the Parcel Post. The people are not so much interested in the authorship of the bill as they would be in a masterful interpretation of the practical effects of the Parcel Post as an economic means for the interchange of package commodities. Most people do not know what use the Parcel Post can be to them.

Greensboro wants a new hotel on metropolitan lines, but the question is whether Greensboro wants it bad enough to build it herself or whether she wants somebody else to come along and supply the Gate City's hotel wants. Like some of the rest of us, Greensboro may imagine that she wants something to such an extent that she hopes somebody will come along and want to supply the city with what it thinks it has wanted all this time. As a matter of fact, just as soon as Greensboro becomes convinced that she needs a swell hotel she will build one herself instead of waiting for George to come along like a slow freight and unload on her what she wants. George is often expected in Wilmington, but he rarely ever comes. He is a slow coach and he always disappoints our watchful waiting.

FEEDING THE PACKING HOUSE PLANT.

The El Paso Herald, taking note of the successful cattle and hog raising now being carried on by the farmers in the boll weevil section of Texas, declares that the former cotton growers have found "a new way to riches." The farmers have learned something about the livestock business and are growing the crops that take care of hogs, sheep and cattle at a minimum cost. The result is that there is plenty of meat animals for the packing house, and it means the success of both the livestock and the meat packing industries. The sum total of benefits is more prosperity for the farm, or double the prosperity that once prevailed in the all-cotton country.

The Texas paper states that the opinion of the farmers in the Southwest is that the livestock industry has passed the experimental stage, and that the returns from it on the farms have been so profitable that the farmers have branched out on a larger scale. They do not stop other kinds of farming, but they have found out that livestock raising makes a better success of all other kinds of farm operations. A farm with its livestock industry finds itself equipped with the best of all fertilizer factories, so to speak. On three-fourths of an acre of alfalfa, one farmer put $80 worth of beef on two steers, while the alfalfa patch was soon ready for another grazing for more cattle.

Since the farmers of Union county, New Mexico, have gone into the cattle industry, they have made such progress that they are now shipping 6,000 head of cattle, worth $190,000 every month. They are keeping up that record, which is at the rate of $2,280,000 a year. Considering the cost of taking care of cattle, the farmers find it is a new source of income that is easily obtained from cheap forage crops that otherwise they would not raise.

There is no limit to forage crops in the South. At the recent Corn Show in Wilmington, Capt. E. D. Williams exhibited 34 different kinds of valuable forage crops grown at "The Maples" just outside the city limits. The yield of forage per acre hereabouts is immense, so that there is not a particle of excuse for dairymen to buy high priced feedstuffs and forage for their cattle. They can raise it cheaper than the West can do it.

NO LONGER A DREAMER BUT A DOER.

Baltimore recently got a $50,000,000 steel industry and now she is on the eve of establishing a $15,000,000 steamship line to Central and South America. Dreams certainly are coming true, but the Baltimore Sun says Baltimore has quit dreaming. That paper goes on to say:

"For a good while Baltimore was the champion municipal dreamer of the country. It was always dreaming about the big things it was going to do—and never doing them. Like the traveler in the desert, it saw mirages of beauty and achievement in the clouds, and contented itself with a greater and more lordly city built wholly on its imagination. We have dreamed new steamship lines and new projects of all sorts so often that many of us have become cynical and insist on being shown something definite before we allow ourselves to grow enthusiastic. But even the most suspicious can feel that there is something tangible and promising in the announcement made to members of the City Club on Saturday by Vice President A. W. Thompson, of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, with regard to a steamship line between this city and South American ports. Railroad men like Mr. Thompson do not indulge much in dreaming, and they rarely make even conditional announcements such as this prematurely, or without a sound basis for their words. The Baltimore & Ohio is interested in aiding in every way possible in the trade and commercial development of the city. Its investments here in terminals—docks, piers, stations, freight houses, and trackage—are very large, and it is of the first importance to it that Baltimore should grow and prosper. If it can help to bring this $15,000,000 steamship line to this city, it will be sure to do so for its own sake. It is encouraging to think that so many big people and big influences seem to be co-operating to build up the town. By 1930 the Baltimore of 1916 may be difficult to recognize in the vast commercial and industrial center into which it will probably have grown."

Probably Baltimore was having a vision instead of dreaming, and even if she were dreaming her dreams are coming true in fine form. Probably that Baltimore line would make Wilmington a port of call. Philadelphia also is to have a steamship line to South America, and her liners might drop in and out of Wilmington. Nevertheless, New York already has three or four lines whose ships pass right close in to Wilmington.

Probably if we will dream some, or get a real vision, we will see the liners coming in here on their voyages to and from South America. If not, why not?

EXPERIMENTING WITH COLORED COTTON.

Mr. W. A. Brabham, of Barnwell county, South Carolina, persists in his experiments in the propagation of cotton plants producing various colors. He has been at it several years and we have seen it stated several times that he has succeeded in producing plants which produce staples of several different colors. The Bamberg (S. C.) Herald says:

"Mr. W. A. Brabham, of Olar, is a very busy man these days, answering inquiries about his colored cotton. Much has been said of development of colored cotton, and his experiments along this line have attracted attention all over the world. His work has recently attracted the attention of the Federate Press of Chicago, which is now preparing a series of illustrated stories about Mr. Brabham's achievements. The leading editor in the December "Realty," a magazine of large circulation printed in New England, was written by Mr. Brabham in response to a direct request of the editor.

"I have ten shades of cotton ranging from a dark cream up to a dark brown, and blue-black,' says Mr. Brabham, 'all from seed selected and crossing and recrossing. One yellow-brown shade, however, is from Siam, Asia, and with this exception all the other shades have sprung from white plants, selected with an object to get variation.'

"Mr. Brabham's definite object is to produce a black cotton. This, he believes, will be accomplished in due time. Without a doubt he has shown to the world that it is possible to produce colored cottons. This promises, within a few years, the possibility of revolutionizing the cotton industry, and opens avenues in cotton production hitherto unexplored. Mr. Brabham is now, by his experiments and achievements, rendering a service to the world which should entitled him to a fitting recognition."

If Mr. Brabham finally succeeds, he will put himself in the wizard class. We have seen many references to his efforts, but none of the articles we have read gives the really desired information about the progress of his experiments. It is interesting to know that he has produced ten shades of cotton, but we have not seen it stated anywhere whether the seeds of his individual shades grow plants that produce like shades. When he succeeds in getting like to produce like, it would seem that he had triumphed and established a discovery of real value.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The section between Charlotte and Wilmington has changed very much in the past quarter of a century. The population has vastly increased and with it there has been a proportionate increase in business. Possibly the trains carry 25 passengers now to one carried then. Yet the train service has not been changed to any material effect in all that long period of time. A local time table adopted when the road was broken in two by the through Seaboard service to Atlanta in one direction and to Columbia in another, would about fit the running of trains at the present time. It certainly looks like the Seaboard managers should find occasion to improve their service so as to come abreast with the wonderfully changed conditions along their line from Rutherfordton to the sea.—Charlotte Observer.

We can find no power within the courts which would restrain an election board from performing the duty imposed upon it by statute law. The law being upon the books, the board having taken oath to obey the law, failure to do so places its members in violation of that law. When the courts proceed to hold themselves superior to law not claimed as unconstitutional they are giving us government by injunction. In the case now at issue as to whether the State Board of Canvassers and the Governor should issue the certificate of election to the United States House of Representatives from the Tenth North Carolina district to Zebulon Weaver or be restrained by the injunction sought by Congressman J. J. Britt we do not believe that the case is properly within the jurisdiction of the court, for an injunction from it would cause a disobedience to the statute law of North Carolina which imposes upon the State Board of of Canvassers the duty of canvassing the returns and declaring the result, the certificate of election then to be issued by the Governor and Secretary of State. We do not agree that any judge has the power to suspend an act of the General Assembly. The issue of fact in the case is not before Judge W. M. Bond. That is a matter upon which the United States House of Representatives is given power to pass. That body is made the judge of the title of its members to their seats. No right of contest before that body would be lost to Congressman Britt with the issuing of the certificate of election to Zebulon Weaver. The returns of the Board of Canvassers of all the counties of the Tenth district having been made to the State Board of Canvassers, a ministerial body, and the majority of the votes having been certified as being for Zebulon Weaver, the duty of the State Board of Canvassers s plainly to issue the certificate to Mr. Weaver. We are in entire accord with the position taken by the Governor and the State Board of Canvassers. We do not desire to see any unseemly conflict between the administration and the judicial departments of the State. With them we do not recognize that Judge Bond has the power to restrain or enjoin them for any time whatsoever, for we do not believe that the court has jurisdiction. The board, the Secretary of State, and the Governor take the right position in awaiting the action of Judge Bond on December 19, so as to avoid, if possibe, any conflict, with the purpose stated by them that when the board reconvenes that the officers concerned in the canvassing of the returns and the issuing of the certificate would proceed with the discharge of their official duties according to law. The idea of government by injunction is repugnant to our people.—Raleigh News and Observer.

DR. BARBOUR AT WAKE FOREST.

President of Rochester Seminary Addresses Students.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wake Forest, N. C., Dec. 6.—Dr. Clarence A. Barbour, president of Rochester Theological Seminary and president of the Northern Baptist Convention, addressed the students of Wake Forest College Tuesday at the chapel exercises, presenting in a forceful and striking manner four factors in any worthwhile life.

The speaker first asserted that no real man is a derelict; but he is a man with a purpose. There are derelict lives as well as derelict ships, and such lives are found in every college. Integrity was the second factor, for a man that is a real man is a man of integrity. The third factor mentioned was steadfast devotion to the common place, otherwise no life is worth while, declared Dr. Barbour. Not only the price of virility, but the price of everything else is toil.

In closing President Barbour stated that no life is worth while which is not a life of good will to one's fellow man.

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 6.—Superintendent M. H. Wooten returned from Raleigh several days ago. While there he attended the convention of North Carolina Teachers. He states that Duplin county stands at the head in enrollment and attendance of pupils.

PREDICT PASSAGE OF THE OWENS MEASURE

Republicans Promise to Support Corrupt Practices Bill.

Among the Amendments Offered, One is to Penalize Election Betting by a Fine of $500 for Each Offense.

Washington, Dec. 6. — With Senator Owen announcing promises of support from Republicans, the Senate today settled down to consideration of the Owen corrupt practices bill to limit expenditure of money in congressional and presidential elections and leaders on both sides predicted that the measure in amended form would be passed before the March adjournment.

Senator Owen said informally he would withhold for the present his resolution to direct a special investigation into campaign expenditures of all political parties in the recent national election, because of the assurances from Republican senators that they would aid in good faith to effect the passage of a measure that would prevent lavish expenditures in future campaigns.

Among several amendments offered was one to penalize election betting by a fine of $500 for each offense. Another would limit individual contributions to a campaign fund to $100, to be paid only to recognized political committees.

Senator Sherman, Republican, objected to the provision limiting campaign expenditures by a political committee in behalf of a senatorial candidate to $5,000, declaring the language was not clear whether this referred to both primaries and elections, or would allow a total for both of $10,000. He said a later provision permitting certain personal expenditures would permit a wealthy candidate who could spend his own money to have a great advantage over one who must rely on contributions and campaign committee funds.

BRITISH REFUSAL OF BUNKER COAL IS DOMESTIC MATTER.

No General Protest to be Made by American Government.

Washington, Dec. 6.—It has been decided that the American government will make no general protest against the practice of refusing bunker coal at British ports to vessels not conserving Allied interests. State Department officials feel that the matter is one of purely domestic control, even though it may seriously affect neutral shipping.

The great possibilities of damage to American trade which this world-wide control o fcoaling stations has given to Great Britain has led some officials to suggest American control of coaling stations in various parts of the world. Such a plan would have the support of the State and Navy Departments and probably of the Commerce Department. It may be referred to the new shipping commission as one of the first problems that will face that body upon its organization.

The question is regarded as almost entirely commercial, rather than naval, and it is assumed that if a plan to provide American coaling stations was carried out it would be through some semi-official rather than through an actual government body.

DUPLIN FREE RANGERS TAKE ACTION AGAINST COMMISSIONERS

Institute Mandamus Proceedings to Have County Fenced In.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 6.—Several "Free Rangers" at Kenansville Monday, had mandamus proceedings instituted to compel the county commissioners to build the fence around the county at once. The summons was served on all the commissioners and the return is before Judge Devin at Kinston on December 20.

The complaint sets forth that it has been seven months since the Supreme Court sustained the law as valid, and that the commissioners had failed to borrow the money with which to build the fence, the estimated cost of building it being $80,000.

The county officers, all of whom, except one commissioner, were re-elected, took oath and were inducted into office on Monday.

Ordered to Fort Caswell.

According to a news item in the Washington Post of recent date, First Lieutenant Frank E. Perkins, medical reserve corps, is ordered to active duty in the service of the United States Army, and will proceed to Fort Caswell, and report for duty.

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BIDS ARE SUBMITTED FOR BATTLE CRUISERS

Four Shipbuilders Each Propose to Build One of the Ships.

Bidders Take Advantage of Provision of Naval Bill to Construct the Vessels at a Profit of From 10 to 15 Per Cent.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Four American ship builders submitted proposals to the Navy Department today for the construction of one each of the four gigantic 35-knot battle cruisers authorized as a part of the 1917 building programme. No estimates of cost were included, each bidder taking advantage of a new provision of the naval appropriation act and offering to build a ship for cost plus from 10 to 15 per cent profit.

The bidders were the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company, the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco; the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, of Quincy, Mass., and William Cramp & Sons, of Philadelphia. The only other private builder in the country that might have sought one of the contracts is the New York Shipbuilding Company, which notified the department that its stocks already were filled with other work.

Since no direct proposals under the limitation of $16,500,000 for the cost of hulland machinery of each ship was received, department officials began at once an examination of the cost and percentage offers with the expectation of working out a uniform agreement under which each bidder will receive one of the ships. The Newport News company and Cramps fixed 10 per cent as the profit they desired, while the other two companies suggested 15 per cent, but were willing to leave it to the Federal Trade Commission to determine a fair rate.

The time fixed for delivery of the ships ranged from 48 to 51 months and it is practically certain that the first of the huge vessels will not be ready within four years for a trial to determine if it has the 35-knot speed for which it is designed. It developed today that the exact tonnage for which the department's plans call is 34,600.

Safe Home Remedy for Skin-Troubles

Eczema, ringworm, and other itching, burning skin eruptions are so easily made worse by improper treatment that one has to be very careful. There is one method, however, that you need never hesitate to use, even on a baby's tender skin—that is the resinol treatment. Resinol is the prescription of a Baltimore doctor, put up in the form of resinol ointment and resinol soap. This proved so remarkably successful, that thousands of other physicians have prescribed it constantly for over twenty years.

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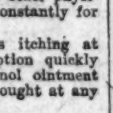

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COAST LINE FIXES THE DATE FOR NEW SERVICE

Double Daily Passenger Service to Conway After January 10.

Pullman Service on Trains 90 and 91 on Wilmington & Weldon Road During the Sessions of the General Assembly.

That the passenger train from Conway, S. C., arriving in Wilmington early in the morning and returning in the afternoon, will be restored on or about January 10th was the agreement reached at a conference which Mr. J. Allan Taylor, chairman of the traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce, held yesterday with Atlantic Coast Line officials. It was also agreed that a sleeping car service shall be maintained on trains 90 and 91 on the Wilmington & Weldon road during the sessions of the next General Assembly, provided the Southern Railway will co-operate in carrying the Pullmans to Raleigh.

The Conway train would be restored immediately except for the acute coal situation, Mr. Taylor stated, and while the coal situation is improving gradually, the fact that the mines will close down for Christmas will necessarily cause some interruptions in the progress of restoration to normality. This fact was taken into consideration in setting the date for the restoration of the service on the W. C. & A. line.

Mr. Taylor stated that if the coal conditions should justify it, the train would be put on sooner and it is possible, though not probable, that it will be on by January 1st. The definite announcement that it is to go on at an early date will be received with much satisfaction throughout this section as this train was generally recognized as one of the most important among the trains coming to Wilmington.

Mr. Taylor took up at the same conference yesterday the question of having sleepers on trains 90 and 91 and it was agreed to operate this service during the term of the General Assembly, which meets about January 1st, subject to the co-operation of the Southern Railway, which, however, should hardly be a factor as no doubt is entertained but that this road will take the Pullmans through to Raleigh.

Through the maintenance of the Pullman service, one can secure a berth at 10 P. M. or after and wake up the next morning in Raleigh and returning from that city the same person can get a sleeper at 7 P. M. and spend the night in the Pullman or upon the arrival of the train here can go to his home shortly after 1 A. M.

Should the patronage justify it, the Atlantic Coast Line will continue it after the adjournment of the General Assembly. However, the service contemplated is only during the sessions of the Legislature and is for the purpose of facilitating the general public in reaching Raleigh during the sessions of the law-making body.

Mr. Taylor expressed the opinion that in restoring the Conway train the most pressing needs of the service would be met and referring to the abridgement of the service on the A. & Y. and the W. & N., which was made necessary on account of conditions produced by the European war, called attention to the fact that he recollected that it was agreed at that time by the Atlantic Coast Line that this service should be resored under normal conditions. Mr. Taylor declared that it was his belief that this agreement would be fully kept.

Mr. Taylor was optimistic over the outcome of the conference and felt that the most pressing needs of the public had been met so far as possible.

W. L. I. WILL DRILL FOUR TIMES PER WEEK FOR MONTH

Rev. Dr. John J. Hurt is Elected as Chaplain—Other Officers.

The selection of civilian officers for the ensuing year, and the adoption of resolutions to hold four drills weekly for the remainder of the month in order to be included on the payroll of the War Department, were the principal matters passed on at the regular monthly meeting of the Wilmington Light Infantry, held at their armory on Market street Tuesday night.

Mr. McCulluck B. Wilson was chosen as president; Mr. Owen C. Fillyaw, vice president; Mr. Robert B. Lewis, secretary and treasurer; Mr. John W. Rutland, historian; Dr. John J. Hurt, chaplain. The selection of Dr. Hurt, who is the popular pastor of the First Baptist church, as chaplain, was made to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. W. E. Cox, who has moved to Richmond, Va.

Under the war regulations, the citizen soldiery of the country will be paid every six months when they have held as many as 24 drills during the period with 60 per cent of their total strength present. In order to comply with this ruling the local company will have to hold four drills per week for the remainder of the month. Captain Lynch announced that these drills would be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for the remainder of the month.

Messrs. J. W. Rutland, James B. Lynch, W. H. Kelly, R. B. Lewis and John L. Galloway were elected as members of the armory and finance committee.

MISS HODGES DEAD.

Passed Away Here Yesterday Afternoon at the Kennedy Home.

Miss Mary Rebecca Hodges, 80 years old, died yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Catherine Kennedy home, following a short illness.

She was a woman of many admirable traits of character and had been a consistent member of Fifth Avenue Methodist church since 1871. She is survived by a sister, Miss Matha E. Hodges, and two brothers, Messrs. T. A. and Jessie W. Hodges, of this city. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and interment will be made in the Oakdale cemetery.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE opened by the Lighthouse Inspector, Charleston, S. C., at 12 o'clock, noon, December 16, 1911, for furnishing gasoline to Lighthouse Service for period from January 1, 1912, to June 30, 1912. Information upon application to the above office. de5T-3t

HOUSEWIVES LEAGUE DECLARES A BOYCOTT

Join Nation-Wide Fight Against Soaring Prices of Commodities.

Ban Placed on Butter, Eggs and Cheese at an Enthusiastic Meeting Yesterday Morning—May Forego Christmas Cake.

The boycott tidal wave inaugurated by the Housewives' League and other organizations in the Northern cities as a protest against the unprecedented high prices of eggs, butter, cheese and other necessities, struck Wilmington yesterday morning when the local chapter of the league at an enthusiastic called meeting held in their club room on Chestnut street placed these commodities under the ban until they reached a more reasonable price.

The president, Mrs. G. H. Croom, presided at the meeting and there were about 50 housewives of the city in attendance. They all showed by their enthusiasm and their arguments that they were in the fight to the finish, and were willing, if necessary, to sacrifice some of their Christmas delicacies in order to carry their point.

A number of price lists obtained from different sections of the city were read and, taken all in all, they were very similar. Butter was quoted yesterday morning at from 41 1-2 cents per pound to 55 cents; eggs were as a rule quoted at 40 cents, and in one instance soared as high as 45 cents, and cheese from 30 to 35 cents per pound.

It was brought out at the meeting by producing a bill received from Armour & Co. by one of the local merchants that the merchant had been charged 47 cents per pound for butter in a 67 pound lot. Such instances as this, it was pointed out, would force the local dealer to charge at least 55 cents per pound for the butter in order to cover the shrinkage, wrapping paper and deliver, and even then his profit would not be a large one.

The league made it plainly understood that they were not fighting the local merchants as they realize the position they are in. They did not believe that the local dealers are to blame for the advance in butter, etc., if they were forced to pay the cold storage owners in proportion to the bill that was produced as evidence.

At this point it was moved and seconded that the daily papers of the city be requested to publish daily, the wholesale prices on food products, as is done in the larger cities.

It was alleged that when a local customer called on the Wilmington branch of Swift & Company by telephone yesterday morning and asked the price of eggs per crate that the information was refused.

After considerable discussion it was resolved that beginning yesterday morning that all members of the league present would boycott eggs, butter and cheese, until they drop to a reasonable price. It was further moved and seconded that each woman present call up ten more, who would in turn call still ten more, and ask their co-operation in the movement. The hope was expressed that all the housekeepers of the city would take this matter to heart, and not leave the work for a few, because it is a case for all housekeepers, and an event in which they must show their strength.

The members went on record as being willing to forego cakes and other Christmas delicacies, requiring butter and eggs, in order to force the speculators and cold storage owners to refrain from holding these commodities back for still higher prices.

SUPERIOR COURT RECESSES AFTER 45-MINUTE SESSION

Non-Suits Are Entered in Several Cases and New Receiver Named.

Yesterday's session of Superior court, which was convened at 9:30 a. m. with Judge G. W. Connor presiding, took a recess until 9:30 o'clock this morning after a 45-minute session in which several non-suits were entered.

The cases in which non-suits were entered follow: B. Spriggs and others against the City of Wilmington; American Law Book Company against W. P. Gafford, Esq.; International Machine Co. against L. H. Simmons; Thos. Haydick against J. W. Winders; J. and E. Mahoney against J. C. Vereen.

A new order was made by the court in the case of L. L. Boon against the Wilmington Lumber Company, by virtue of which the American Bank and Trust Company is named the permanentreceiver for the company instead of Alex. Boon.

IN RECORDER'S COURT.

Light Docket Faced Recorder Harriss Yesterday Morning.

The smallest number of defendants that have as yet faced Recorder Harriss since he assumed the duties of his office last Monday, answered to the roll call in Recorder's court yesterday morning. All the defendants were colored.

John Stanley and Willie Andrews, the two boys who were arrested by Fireman Simmons Tuesday night on a charge of loitering on the porch of Mr. W. W. Melvin's residence on Castle street, had their charge changed to vagrancy, and were sentenced to 30 days on the county farm. Both the defendants were under 18 years of age.

Frank Campbell, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was fined $25, but failing to produce the coin, he went to the roads for three months in default.

Frank Jones was sentenced to 30 days on the roads in default of the costs. He was charged with disorderly conduct.

FUNERAL OF MR. FITCHETT

Remains of Wilmington Man Carried to Clinton Yesterday Morning.

Funeral services over the remains of Mr. D. J. Fitchett, who passed away at his home, No. 812 Orange street shortly after 10 o'clock Tuesday night, were conducted from the residence at 7 o'clock yesterday morning by Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor of the Winter Park Presbyterian church. The remains were taken to Clinton on the 7:45 Atlantic Coast Line train, where interment was made yesterday morning.

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR THE QUARTER

Report of Highest Averages Was Read Yesterday Morning.

Miss Irene Price, of Junior Class, Leads With Average of 98—Miss Madge Cavenaugh Second—Domestic Science Roll.

The High School honor roll for the first quarter of the academic year was read at the chapel exercises yesterday morning by the principal, Mr. Malcolm G. Little. Miss Irene Price, of the Junior class, with an average of 98, was the highest, while Miss Madge Cavenaugh, of the freshman class, was a close second with an average of 97.75. Wallace Hopkins, of the freshman class, was third with an average of 96.75.

Misses Lucille Merritt and Irene Price of the Junior class, and Misses Mary Hatch and Rosa Salling, of the Sophomore class, tied for the first place on the domestic science honor roll, each making an average of 95. The complete honor roll follows:

Senior I, (College Preparatory)—First honor, Margaret Schulken, 96.12; Lidie Penton, 95.37; second honor, Christine McDougall, 93.75; May Davis 93, Aline Saunders, 93, Alma Benton, 92.5, Thomas Darden, 91, Emma Bowden 90, Charlotte Keen 90, Mark Noble 90.

Senior II, (General)—Second honor, Thelma Fillyaw 94.75, May Orrell 90.2, Rosalie Burbank 90.

Junior I, (College preparatory)—First honor, Irene Price 98, Lucile Merritt 95.7, Houston Merritt 95.5; Second honor, Omah Williams 94.2, John Hardin 94.2, Fannie Thompson 91, Harry Tucker 90.1, Helen Weathers 94, Mabel Eure 90.2.

Junior II, (General)—First honor, Kate Cumming 95.5, Jack Orrell 95.15; Second honor Johanna Rehder 92.65, Martha Rogers 92.15, Marie Bonitz 91.75, Emily Bissinger 90.7, Eleanore Schuster 90.4, Margaret Thorpe 90.3.

Junior III, (Commercial)—Second honor, Mae Davis 91.6, Eloise Jones 90.3, Lillian Styne 90, Stewart Hopkins 90, Wilbur King 90.

Sophomore I—Second honor, Beulah Hill 91.9, Alice Rulfs 91.2.

Sophomore II—Second honor, Julius Wenburg 90.15.

Sophomore III—Second honor, Mabel Chinnis 90.75, James Foy 90.5.

Sophomore IV—First honor, Stuart Cover 96.6, Neveland Brand 95.7, George King 95; Second honor, Verna Crute 94.5, Arabelle Gore 94.2, Margaret Williams 94.2, Elizabeth McClure 94, Lily May Gaylor 93.2, James Westbrook 93, Mary Warren 92.7, Louise Beale 91.7, Ruby Porter 91.5, Joseph Howe 91.2, Margaret Kelley 90.7, Charlton Symmes 90.7, Rosa Salling 90.5.

Freshman I—First honor, Madge Cavenaugh 97.75, Wallace Hopkins, 96.75, Laura Cox 96.25; Second honor Kathleen Windley 94.25, Mary Burriss 92.5, Rena Cole 92.25, Lillian Davis 91, Nina Spooner 90.75, Elsie Burke 90.5, Bernard Spooner 90.5, Eugene Hardin 90.

Freshman II—First honor, Mae Sanders 95.5, Lucile Kashagen 95.25, George Murphy 95.25; Second honor, Elsie McGlaughon 94.75, George Rountree 94.5, Ann Milton 94.5, Susie Roberts 94.25, Katherine Rehder 94, Maude Bissinger 94, Carolyn Barnes 92.5, Elizabeth Johnson 92.5, Frank McGlaughon 92.5, Archie Keels 92.5, Hugh McEachern 91.75, Robert Darden 90.75, Florence Tucker 90.25.

Freshman III—Second honor, Mattie Fergers 93.5, Lucy Harvey 90.8, William Miller 90.8, Elizabeth Richardson 90.3.

Freshman IV—Second honor, Annie Taylor 94.5, Liston Humphrey 94.25, Loula Woody 93.25, Edna Ellis 91.25, Bessie Blitchington 91.25.

Domestic Science Honor Roll.

Junior I, (College Preparatory)—First honor, Lucille Merritt, 95, Irene Price 95; Second honor, Isabel Hinnant 92, Sue Hardin 91, Lucile Solky 91, Omah Williams 91.

Junior II, (General)—First honor, Marie Bonitz 95; Second honor, Marie Keels 92, Margaret Beery 91, Emily Bissenger 91, Kate Cumming 91, Anne Cumming 90, Gladys Folvogt 90, Johanna Rehder 90, Dorothy Vollers 90.

Sophomore I—First honor, Mary Hatch 95; Second honor, Ida Cardwell 94.3, Lottie Kohler 94, Annie McMillan 94, Ernestine Strunck 94, Thelma Moore 92, Alice Bell Rulfs 91, Beulah Hill 90.6, Maude Pridgen 90, Eva Huband 90.

Sophomore II—Second honor, Margaret Hall 93, Mary Johnston 93, Naomi Blake 92, Adelaide Wagner 92, Jiffords Harrell 91, Mary Harriss 90, Wilkings Smith, 90.

Sophomore III—Second honor, Esther Newton 93, Elisa Whitted 92, Margaret Hashagen 91, Mary McCraw 90.

Sophomore IV—First honor, Rosa Salling 95; Second honor, Elizabeth McClure 94, Mary Warren 94, Louise Beale 93, Ethel Brown 93, Verna Crute 92, Margaret Williams 92, Miriam Koch 91, Ruby Porter 91, Helen Prease 91.

PANORAMIC VIEW TAKEN

Mr. J. W. Buck Snaps City From Top of Smokestack 150 Feet High.

From the top of the big 150-foot smokestack of the Tidewater Power Company, which is nearing completion at the foot of Castle street, Mr. J. W. Buck took a snapshot of Wilmington yesterday morning.

The ascent to the summit of the tall smoke carrier was made through the interior in a "bucket" type of elevator propelled by a hoisting engine on the outside. Mr. Buck says that the top of the chimney has a vibrant motion that is not the most pleasant thing in the world to observe.

A fine view of the city and water front is obtainable from this lofty perch, and Mr. Buck should have little trouble in disposing of the panoramic views that he made yesterday.

Property Transfers Recorded.

The following deeds were filed yesterday in the office of the register of deeds: Robert Ruark, trustee, to the trustees of Trinity Methodist church, property at Market and 14th streets, for $10 and other considerations; Rufus Piner and wife to Frederick D. Bear, property on Shell road, for $10 and other considerations; E. A. Metts, attorney-in-fact, to H. C. Blake, trustee, property on Queen street, for $5 and other considerations; R. S. McClelland and wife to Wilson Leonard and wife, property on Sixth street, for $50 and other considerations.

MANY MATTERS COME BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

Will Investigate Alleged Irregularities Monday Morning.

Mr. C. C. Chadbourn Threatens Indictments of Councilmen Because of Alleged Nuisance—Fire Protection Discussed.

City Council as a committee of the whole will consider in public session next Monday morning the complaints that have been going the rounds to the effect that the affairs of the street department have not been conducted properly. This decision was reached at the end of a rather stormy session of the city fathers yesterday morning.

Mr. C. C. Chadbourn stirred things a bit by making a very vigorous and earnest protest against the dumping of night soil in the vicinity of his lumber plant on the Cape Fear river in the southern part of the city, declaring that he was present to threaten the indictment of every member of Council if something isn't done.

City Attorney Robert Ruark made a vigorous attack on the allegation contained in the complaint in the action asking that the Atlantic Veneer Company be placed in the hands of a receiver because the concern could not get fire protection from the city, stating that in his opinion such statements were wholly unjustified. He emphasized the point that the concern does not pay more than $125 a year in taxes and that the increase in insurance rates because of a lack of water would not seem to be in excess of $75 a year.

Mr. George H. Hutaff, who was appointed temporary receiver of the Atlantic Coast Veneer Company in the proceedings instituted in Superior court on Tuesday, did not reply to the statements made by City Attorney Ruark further than to say that the lack of insurance on a large stock of manufactured products made it unwise to assume such a large liability. Mr. Ruark thought such statements, if true, should have been made in the complaint rather than that it was lack of fire protection. Mr. Hutaff said he regretted that Herbert McClammy, Esq., attorney for his company, was unable to be present.

Mr. Hutaff insisted that Council should make a thorough investigation of a report that he had gotten street sweepings from the city in an improper way. He was at a loss, he stated, to understand where such reports had started and declared most emphatically that he had not been guilty of anything improper. "It is only fair that my character should be protected," he declared with evident strong emotion.

He called attention to the fact that he had been summoned to give an explanation which he thought was entirely out of place. Again repeating his request that a thorough investigation should be made as to who started the report, he left the room.

City Attorney Ruark thought that Superintendent of Streets John J. Furlong had asked Mr. Hutaff to come before members of Council and it was his understanding that the matter had been cleared up to the satisfaction of all concerned. There had been no charge made against Mr. Hutaff, he said, and did not see that Council had any right to start on an investigation.

Following a request of Mr. C. P. H. Mahler that he be given more time in which to have a sidewalk laid in front of the property on the northeast and the southeast corner of Fourth and Red Cross streets, Graham Kenan, Esq., urged that Council should treat everyone alike in its demands that sidewalks be laid. Three years ago Mr. Kenan said that in response to the request of Council he had had a sidewalk laid in front of his residence on South Third street between Dock and Orange and that he was the only one between the two streets who did.

Speaking of the sidewalk in front of Mr. William Latimer's property on South Third street, Mr. Kenan stated that it was much better than the other paving in that vicinity and yet Council had asked him to have a new sidewalk laid. After considerable discussion, the matter was left open until some feasible plan can be made for having all sidewalks laid in blocks rather than for individual property.

Councilman Jones stated that it was not his intention to work a hardship on Mr. Mahler in insisting that a sidewalk be laid in front of the property of the former but that many complaints had been made because of the bad condition.

When Mayor Moore asked the pleasure of Council with reference to certain rumors that have been going the rounds alleging certain irregularities in the conduct of the affairs of the street department, Councilman Bradshaw, in charge of this department, expressed keen regret that the reports were first made without his knowledge. He did not hear of the alleged irregularity, he said, until 30 days after it was alleged to have occurred and then from an entirely different source than that from which it had started. "It just means that an employe of my department has been disloyal," he declared and added that he wanted a committee appointed to make a thorough investigation.

City Attorney Ruark stated that there have been no charges made and that the only thing with which Council had to deal is rumors. He read a resolution he had prepared and upon motion of Councilman Merritt, seconded by Councilman Bradshaw, it was unanimously adopted with the exception that instead of appointing a special committee it was agreed that all members of Council should serve on the committee. Mayor Moore started to appoint a special committee but asked for all members of Council and this was agreed to. The resolution adopted follows:

"Whereas, it has come to the knowledge of the mayor and some or all of the members of this Council that various rumors are being circulated in the community to the effect that there is now or has lately been neglect of duty and in some instances misconduct on the part of some of the employes of the city in connection with their employment by the city, but to this time no specific charges have been preferred or made to the mayor or the Council concerning the matters and things with which the rumors aforesaid have to do; and,

"Whereas, the citizens of the city of Wilmington are entitled to an honest and efficient administration of the affairs of the city, and the mayor and Council recognize the responsibility resting upon him and them to use the best efforts to give to the city and its people that kind of municipal government to which they are entitled, and particularly to painstakingly investigate all complaints or charges relating to the goverament of the city or the conduct of any of its officers or employes, thus performing their obligation both to the people of the city and to any employe who may be involved in such complaints or charges, to the end that if such complaints or charges be well founded appropriate action may be taken to remedy same, and if not well founded that such fact may be ascertained and any employe involved may be exonerated:

"Therefore, Resolved by the Council of the city of Wilmington that the mayor be and is hereby directed to appoint a committee from among the members of this Council to be designated as a committee on Complaints and Grievances, and which said committee shall have power and authority to investigate and report to the Council upon any and all complaints or charges which may be brought to its attention, together with its recommendations as to appropriate action in relation to such complaints or charges.

"Resolved further that any and all citizens of the city are hereby invited and requested to file with the city clerk and treasurer any complaint, charge or information in their possession as to any inefficiency or misconduct on the part of any officer or employe of the city of Wilmington, and that such complaint, charge or information when so filed be promptly furnished by said city clerk and treasurer to the committee on Complaints and Grievances hereinbefore authorized.

"Resolved further that said committee on Complaints and Grievances be and is hereby authorized and empowered to summon and require attendance upon it of any person or persons whom it may have reason to believe is possessed of knowledge or information showing or tending to show inefficiency or misconduct on the part of any officer or employe of the city and to require the production of such books, records and papers as said committee shall have reason to believe will enable it to better perform its functions."

Councilman Jones before Council adjourned explained that his reason for not attending the conference of Council on the Wednesday night preceding was because he was not feeling well and he thought at the time that it was

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Will hold its Christmas Sale in the Parish House Thursday afternoon, December 7th, at 3:30 o'clock. There will be a Christmas Tree for the children; also one for the grown ups, with dainty articles for five and ten cents upon the trees.

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Men's Black Automobile Gloves, **$1.75** and **$2.50.**

Thursday Morning Special

10-Cent Christmas Greeting Cards with Any Purchase of $1 and Up. Good Until Noon.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Yesterday's Fayetteville Observer: "Miss Lucy Murchison left yesterday for her home in Wilmington."

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There will be a meeting of the Dorcas Society this afternoon at 4 o'clock at St. Paul's Lutheran church. All members are urged to attend.

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The House committee will meet this morning at 11 o'clock at the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, chairman of the committee, will preside.

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The Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters will hold their annual Christmas sale this afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. A. Dick, No. 118 Nun street.

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All the business women of the First Baptist church are invited to attend a meeting at the home of Miss Nettie Pickard, No. 412 North Fourth street, Friday evening at 8:15.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be held at the church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

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The Philathea Class of the First Baptist Sunday school, will hold its regular monthly meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. B. T. Hopkins, No. 505 South Front street. All members are urged to attend.

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North Carolina Sorosis will hold its regular monthly business meeting at the club room on North Third street this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and all members are urged to be in attendance. The executive committee will meet at 3:45 o'clock.

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The Christmas sale of fancy work, dolls, lingerie and other articles of St. Agnes' Guild of St. James' Episcopal church, will be held at the Housewives' League on Wednesday, December 13th, beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

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Master Albert Alexander Pate, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Pate, who recently underwent an operation in the James Walker Memorial Hospital, is rapidly improving, his many friends will be glad to learn.

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The Ladies' Aid Society of the Wesley Memorial church will hold an oyster supper Friday night in Winter Park Gardens in the vacant store at the intersection of the Wrightsville and Masonboro Sound roads. The hour will be from 7:30 to 8:30 P. M.

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The two volley ball games played Tuesday night in the Y. W. C. A. gymnasium between the High School and Business Girls were both won by the former, the grst game by a score of 21 to 18, and the second by the score of 21 to 8.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Borkenhagen, of Winter Park, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Agnes, to Mr. C. George Ambrosiano, of Wilmington. The wedding will take place in the Winter Park Presbyterian church and will be one of the prominent social events of the holiday season in that suburb. Miss Borkenhagen is an accomplished young woman and has many friends in the city and elsewhere. Mr. Ambrosiano has been a resident of Wilmington for the past several years and since he has been in Wilmington has been employed in the tailoring department of Munson & Co., of this city. Since he has been in the city he has made a wide circle of friends.

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RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS
APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Through its local chapters in all parts of the country, the National headquarters of the Red Cross Society has made an urgent appeal for the contribution of Christmas boxes for the soldier boys who will spend the holidays doing duty along the Rio Grande.

The local chapter has selected the Wilmington contingent to be the beneficiaries of its contribution, and all persons who desire to contribute are invited to leave their offering at the Y. M. C. A. not later than Monday. Tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, cigarette papers, paper, envelopes and pencils will prove the most acceptable form of gifts.

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MORRILL-EDWARDS MARRIAGE
SOLEMNIZED LAST NIGHT.

The marriage of Miss Lucy Edwards and Mr. Ben Morrill was solemnized at the parsonage of St. Paul's Lutheran church at 8:30 o'clock last night, Rev. F. B. Clausen officiating.

Only the immediate families and a few friends of the contracting parties were present. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Lina Edwards, as maid of honor, while the groom had Mr. H. W. Wells as best man. Mr. Morrill is connected with the Baxter Cigar Company. They will make their home at present with the groom's mother, on North Sixth street.

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CONWAY-JONES WEDDING TOOK PLACE LAST NIGHT AT RECTORY

A quiet wedding was celebrated last night at 7:30 o'clock at the rectory of St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral when Miss Maude Conway, daughter of Mrs. E. D. Conway, of this city, became the bride of Mr. Howard L. Jones. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Louis Bour.

The ceremony was witnessed by only a few friends and relatives of the contracting parties, and the only attendant was Mr. Jack C. Thompson, who acted as best man.

Mr. Jones is an employe of the United States engineer's office here and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Jones, of Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Jones will take up their residence at No. 318 North Seventh street.

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MISS EDNA ORRELL BRIDE OF MR. GEORGE C. BURNETT

A beautiful home wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mr and Mrs. E. A. Orrell, No. 310 North Ninth street, at 8:30 last night when their daughter, Miss Edna Pearl, became the bride of Mr. George Christopher Burnett. The impressive ceremony was performed by Rev. R. E. Gribben, rector of St. John's Episcopal church.

The parlor was artistically decorated with southern smilax and roses, intermingled with a color scheme of pink and white. An altar of evergreens had been erected in the room and beneath its entwining foliage the marriage vows were plighted.

The bridal party entered the room to the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, rendered on the piano and violin by Mr. Alfred Yopp and Mrs. J. D. Edwards. The bride wore a gown of white crepe de chine with a tulle veil and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley. She was attended by her sister, Miss Rose Orrell, as maid of honor, while the groom had as his best man his brother, Mr. A. C. Burnett. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mendelssohn's wedding march was rendered at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Delicious refreshments were served in the dining room, which was also decorated in pink and white. The couple were the recipients of many beautiful presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnett will for the present take up their residence with the groom's mother, No. 820 South Sixth street.

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DINNER DANCE GIVEN AT CAPE FEAR COUNTRY CLUB.

To the Society Editor:

A most enjoyed entertainment of the above description was given last night at the cozy little club house of the Cape Fear Country Club by the married ladies in honor of husbands, sweethearts and other available human beings. A special car left "Electric Centre" at 7:45 P. M., and many guests reached the scene of festivity in their private vehicles of various types and vintages.

An elegant repast was served soon after arrival of the last couple and immediately after this important feature of the entertainment, all those who could indulged in the various ancient and modern round dances to the music of a large orchestra led by Mr. Chas. Grainger, Jr. About 11 o'clock a surprise feature was sprung upon the assembled guests in the appearance of Senor August Delphino and the two Todaro Brothers, composing the "Venetion Trio" which is now filling an engagement at the Victoria Theatre and whose services had been secured through the courtesy of the genial manager, Mr. G. W. Bailey, of that attractive playhouse, through the enterprise of the committee of ladies who managed the dinner dance.

From the time of the arrival of Senor Delphino's party music for the dances was furnished alternately by them and by the Grainger orchestra and the senor, who has a wonderful tenor-robusto voice—rivalled probably by few except, of course, the celebrated Caruso—sang a number of popular Italian songs and closed the evening's entertainment by rendering Canio's song from the celebrated Italion opera, Pagliachi.

This surprise feature was voted by all present a wonderful and most pleasing addition to the entertainment and those who have not yet had the pleasure of hearing the Venetian Trio, who will be one of the features of the Victoria for the rest of the week, should not fail to take advantage of their presence in the city.

The entertainment closed with "Home Sweet Home," played by the Todaro Bothers on guitar and mandolin, shortly after midnight, after which one of the guests thanked the members of the trio for the unusual pleasure which they had given the assembled guests.

"THE OWL IN THE IVY BUSH."

PROF. NOBLE WILL SPEAK TONIGHT AT WINTER PARK

Noted Educator Will Also Speak at Others Schools on Friday.

Prof. M. C. S. Noble, dean of the department of pedagogy of the University of North Carolina, will arrive in the city this evening at 6 o'clock from his home in Chapel Hill. He will be met at the union station by Prof. Washington Catlett, who will accompany him to the Winter Park school, where he will deliver an address tonight at 8 o'clock.

Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Professor Noble will be the chief speaker at the meeting of the Mothers' Club at the Acorn Branch school. The county physician, Dr. Arnold Stovall, will also speak at this meeting. Friday night at 7:45 o'clock, Professor Noble will address a community meeting at the Masonboro school. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings and hear Professor Noble.

ORIENT LODGE, NO. 395, A. F. & A. M.

Regular Communication of this lodge will be held this (Thursday) evening at 8:00 o'clock. All members are requested to be present. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us. By order of the W. M.

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WINDOWS UNVEILED TONIGHT

All Stores Entered in Window Trimming Contest Will Disclose Their Offerings at 7:30 P. M.

At 7:30 this evening the veils will be lifted, and the windows of 43 Wilmington merchants will blaze forth in all their splendor. For two days they have been darkened while the final touches were being put on that their owners hope will win the prize for them when the keen eyed judges, selected by the Chamber of Commerce, look them over before giving their final verdict.

What has been going on behind these darkened windows during the past two days is of course of matter of conjecture to everyone with the exception of their owners, but it is a safe bet that nothing is being left undone that will give them a chance to win the capital prize in their division.

It is expected that Front and Princess streets, and other thoroughfares in the shopping districts will be thronged with spectators and shoppers during the early hours this evening. Contrary to their usual custom the merchants of the city who are entered in these contests will remain open during the evening of Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, in order to give the people an opportunity to inspect the many and varied exhibits in their establishments.

The great amount of publicity that has been given the window trimming contest will without doubt draw hundreds into the shopping districts during the next two days to see Christmas articles that will be offered for sale in the many stores of the city. Perhaps it may be a means of persuading everybody to do their Christmas shopping early.

WORK "CONFIDENCE" GAME

Posing as Wilmington High School Student, Young Man Collects About $40 From Local Merchants.

Posing as a Wilmington High School student and treasurer of the Athletic Association, a young man who appeared to be about 18 years old and well-dressed, has been operating in the city for the past two days and collected subscriptions to the "Association" fund aggregating about $40 or more from local merchants and business men.

One merchant who didn't "fall for" the young man's line of talk was shown a list of some ten names of persons whom the youth, who gave his name as "J. Arthur Williams," said had subscribed sums varying in amount from $3 to $5 each. After the young man had left, this merchant called up the office of the Board of Education and was informed that the young man had no connection with the Wilmington High School.

When Superintendent of City Schools John J. Blair got wind of the matter, he sought to have the imposter arrested and notified the police. Chief of Police Williams gave orders yesterday for all police officers to watch out for him, but it is presumed that the young man has left town as the police have not been able to find him.

While it is thought the man gave a fictitious name and also padded his subscription list with the names of some men who did not contribute, it is known that a number of men did contribute sums varying in amount from $3 to $5.

"GYPSY LOVE" IS EXCELLENT

Franz Lehar's Romantic Operetta Heard by Large Audience at the Academy of Music.

While there were a few seats left at the Academy of Music last night at the presentation of Franz Lehar's comic opera, "Gypsy Love," the audience was one of the largest of any this season. There was nothing startling about the production, and indeed at times it seemed to be quite ordinary, but the entire cast showed fine ability and the music was high class in every way.

While Mr. Arthur Albro as Jozsi with his rich tenor voice was excellently suited for the "Gypsy Lover" and Miss Finita de Sora as Zorika sang and acted in a way that won her audience, there was an evident appreciation for the fine singing of Mr. Horace A. Ruwe, the betrothed lover. Miss Lucy Fields, as Ilma, the young widow, carried out her part in a most charming manner. The sonorous bass of Mr. Salvator Solet as Andor was another feature that was well worth hearing by those who like good singing.

Miss Ruth Thompson, as Lilia, added a great deal to the comedy and sang splendidly, while Mr. George J. William as Niklas, and Mr. William T. Gaunt furnished plenty of amusement, but this was not carried to an excess.

Too much praise cannot be accorded the chorus, who had excellent voices, and whose costumes were entirely in keeping with the parts they had to sing. The chorus was a strong feature and with the special orchestra under the direction of Mr. Milan Roder as conductor, the full force of the production is brought out.

It is certain that Wilmington appreciates good music. When the people are sure that they will hear fine singing, and the presence of the large audience last night is the best testimonial to that fact. They were pleased to find a company which strives—and succeeds—to win on its merits.

NO SEALS ACROSS BORDER.

Postoffice Department Issues Ruling About Red Cross Seals.

The postoffice department has issued a memorandum calling the attention of Christmas mailers to the fate that no letters or parcels addressed to foreign countries will be delivered if they contain stamps, other than the regular postage stamps, on the address side of the letter

This ruling includes all mail matter addressed to the leading foreign countries of the world, including Germany, Great Britain, Canada, Austria and Brazil. To be eligible to enter foreign mails the Christmas stamps must be on the reserve side of the envelope or package from the address.

As the Red Cross Society are planning to sell more than the usual number of Christmas stamps, this ruling will be of special interest to them.

ALLEGED 'BOARDER' COWS

Mrs. H. A. DeCover Brings Action to Recover Damages for Alleged Misrepresentations.

Alleging that eight Jersey cows, five of which were represented as yielding around 12 gallons of milk daily by the defendant, when tested had never yielded as much as one gallon at any one milking, the purchaser, Mrs. H. A. DeCover and husband, who conducts a dairy about three miles out of Wilmington, instituted proceedings in Superior Court yesterday by the filing of a complaint against Mrs. Nan Carlisle, of Monroe, N. C., for damages in the sum of $500 and also the cancellation of a chattel mortgage and notes given in part payment for the cows. The plaintiffs are represented by C. C. Cashwell and J. A. McNorton, Esqs.

Rather than keep a herd of eight cows which threatened to get in the "boarder class", the plaintiffs, it is alleged in the complaint, after the defendant had been asked to rescind the sale and put the defendants in statu quo, no reply being received to their letter, advertised and sold the cows at public auction in Wilmington, realizing only $186 therefrom.

The complaint sets forth and avers that as a result of correspondence extending over a considerable period prior to October 18, 1916, the deal was consummated upon the representations of the defendant to the plaintiffs that she had eight fine Jersey cows, which she desired to sell, aged between 4 1-2 and 7 years and weighing from 600 to 800 pounds, and that they yielded around 12 gallons of milk daily. It is also alleged that the cows when received by the plaintiffs were underweight, in poor condition, and that at no time had the five cows which the defendant had stated were fresh, yielded as much as a gallon at any one milking.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Mr. E. E. Graham, of the American Agricultural Chemical Company, reported to the police yesterday morning that some one stole some 10 or 12 electric lights from one of the company boats Tuesday night.

—Rev. J. S. Crowley has returned from Topsail, where he conducted two services Sunday and preached to large congregations. He will preach at the Hallsboro Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and night.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Among the North Carolinians registered at The Hotel Wilmington yesterday were: C. H. Cothran, Dixon; A. B. Babcock, Garland; R. F. Horner, Hope Mills; James Bowen, Bolton; C. W. Wilkinson, Charlotte.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at The Orton yesterday were: R. F. Horner, Hope Mills; A. B. Babcock, Garland; A. T. Teachey, Teachey; H. C. McKeel, C. L. Abernethy, New Bern; W. A. Penick, Raleigh; J. E. Person, Pikeville; L. R. Varser Lumberton; J. E. Van Horne, Winston-Salem; H. B. Maxwell, Whiteville; S. F. Everette, Evergreen; P. M. Williams, Wallace.

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THEATRICAL

The fascinating little Paramount beauty, Anita King, makes her latest appearance in Paramount pictures at the Grand today, co-starring with Thomas Meighan in a new Paramount production, "The Heir to the Hoorah," a toned version of one of Broadway's most famous successes of recent years, a most diverting and yet pathetic story of romance and adventure in the West.

Anita King became famous first when she crossed the American continent in an automobile, alone, being the first person, man or woman, to do this. She made this wonderful trip last fall in the interest of better pictures, stopping on her way across the country at motion picture theatres where she addressed audiences in more than 200 cities.

Thomas Meighan makes his debut as a Lasky star playing opposite Anita in this production, and in co-starring these two popular young artists the Lasky company feels that it has effected a most happy combination, and one that will be welcomed by photoplay audiences everywhere. Others starred in this remarkable Paramount production are Ramona, the only burro in captivity who possesses a dramatic temperament, and Little Billy Jacobs, the five-year-old actor.

Big Hit at Victoria.

The second big bill of the week played to large crowds at the Victoria yesterday afternoon and last night, and everywhere there seemed to be only enjoyment at the new show put on by the Brinkley Girls company, a roaring farce comedy entitled "The King of Heidelberg," a tabloid edition of the celebrated stage musical comedy success of the same name which enjoyed unprecedented runs some years ago.

Hal Stack in the title role, carried off all honors, and Mae Ward in the leading feminine role was a rare picture of loveliness in a juvenile role. Her blonde beauty has seldom been matched at the Victoria, and she is daily winning many admirers.

The new act presented by the famous Venetian Trio, of course, made a distinct and instantaneous hit with everybody. They are absolutely the classiest musical team ever seen in Wilmington, and their work can be distinguished readily by even the lay mind as something entirely above the ordinary talent seen in this section.

The new show will be presented for the last times today, another new bill going on Friday.

"Son of a Rebel Chief"—Bijou.

Authors are never tired of the period of our Civil War as a background for their stories, and, fortunately for them, the public is never tired of it, either. A new variation of the old theme of a house divided against itself is told in "The Son of a Rebel Chief," a stirring two-reel Universal drama heading tomorrow's big Universal bill at the Bijou, an appealing story written by William V. Mong, in which this talented star plays the leading role, with Nellie Allen, Mare Fenton and Harry Hillman in the supporting cast. It is a drama with a thrill and a surprise in every movement of the screen, a totally surprising denouement, and a love theme running through it which converts it into the romantic class and will make it doubly appealing to every one.

Harry Carter stars in a tense single reel Victor dramatic feature, "Her Chance," a drama of surprises and thrills in one reel.

Then comes a mammoth Joker comedy the first one of the week, "Their First Arrest," starring those inimitable funmakers, Gail Henry and William Franey, in the principal roles.

Victor Herbert's "Sweethearts"

"Sweethearts," a quaint old Belgium romance, Victor Herebrt's masterpiece, with charming Julia Gifford, will be acted at the Academy of Music, matinee and night, on next Wednesday, December 13.

It is an operetta in two acts and the story in which Harry B. Smith and Fred de Gresac have interwoven with the Herbert melodies, concerning "Sylvia," a lost princess, who was taken from her home in war times and left in a tulip garden, where she is found by Dame Paula, a laundress. She grows up as Paula's adopted daughter and finally a prince, an heir presumptive, comes a-wooing. As usual, in all fairy stories the wooing prince has many obstacles thrown in his path to prevent him from marrying beneath his station, until it is proven later that Sylvia was of equal birth with him and then everyone is happy.

Music lovers will revel in a torrent of Herbertian melodies which will flow from the bell-like voice of dainty Julia Gifford, who is being featured in the work of the master composer.

"Sweethearts" will be presented under the management of Mr. Chris O Brown and will probably be considered the most notable musical event of the season. The matinee will be from 50 cents to $1.50. Night prices will range from 75 cents to $2. Tickets will go on sale Monday at 9 a. m. at Elvington's Pharmacy.

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In "Sweethearts", Victor Herbert's Masterpiece at the Academy of Music on next Wednesday, December 13.

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MANY MATTERS COME BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

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to consider the question of the kind of bill that should be presented to the General Assembly with reference to the renewing of bonds for the city.

Mr. C. Chadbourn, vice-president and treasurer of the Chadbourn Lumber Company, said that he had three purposes in view in coming before Council. The first was to inquire as to what would be done with reference to the paving of South Front street south of Castle, which he understood had been authorized. He was assurred by Councilman Bradshaw that this was being looked after and that the curbing had already been placed.

His second reason for coming was more important than the first, said Mr. Chadbourn, and that was to protest against the condition of Macomber's ditch, which had been declared in a statute passed by the General Assembly of 1911 to be a nuisance and it had never been abated.

His third reason was more important still, however, he said, and he had come before Council four months ago to protest against the dumping of night soil in the Cape Fear river in the southern part of the city and as yet nothing has been done. He had come this time not to protest but to threaten to indict every member of Council if something isn't done to abate this nuisance.

City Attorney Ruark reminded Mr. Chadbourn that this was properly a matter for the health department to consider. "Who is the Board of Health—Dr. Nesbitt," Mr. Chadbourn inquired rather caustically. Mayor Moore assured Mr. Chadbourn that Dr. Nesbitt agreed with his view that the dumping of the soil is a nuisance and had recommended to Council that something be done.

Councilman Bunting called attention to the report in the public press that the Atlantic Coast Veneer Company had asked for a receivership because of a lack of fire protection and pointed out that the insurance rate now paid by that company is the same as it was before it was taken into the city incorporation. The rate before incorporation was $3.75 per $100 and an extra 50 cents was added on for not having fire protection and another 25 cents for not having boiler protection, making a total of $4.59. The State and county taxes for last year amounted to $60 and the city taxes to $45 while he had not found any land listed.

Replying to a question from City Attorney Ruark, Mr. Hutaff explained that his company now carried about $15,000 insurance and that it also owned considerable land. Mr. Ruark stated that the city of Wilmington has been given some very undesirable advertising in the statements made in the complaint of the action in Superior court and he thought that some action ought to be taken. He thought it wholly unjustified.

Councilman Bunting thought that the company ought to have fire protection and it was pointed out that a rate of three and a half cents on the hundred dollars had been authorized for the purpose of improving the fire equipment and for extending the water mains. It had been the understanding that the water mains in the northern part of the city would be extended just as soon as the money could be obtained.

At this point, Mr. Hutaff, who is one of the principal stockholders in the company, stated that it was of no use to consider further the extension of water mains to the section of the city in which is located his company as it was already been decided to move it from the city.

The formal execution of the contract with the Tidewater Power Co. for the new lighting system which has been installed was authorized. This will result in a saving to the city of about $600 a month, it is stated. Rev. J. S. Caughey was before Council to ask for the paving of a right on Third street at Wooster alley and was assured that the matter would have prompt attention.

Mayor Moore recommended that sewer pipe should be laid ... in Meadow street between Eighth and Ninth and Orange and Dock as he stated that conditions there now are unsanitary. Several routine matters were considered.

All of the members of City Council were present except Councilman McCaig, who was out of the city. The session lasted for two hours.

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NERVES OF THE SKYSCRAPER

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(Simeon Strunsky, in Harper's Magazine).

The nerves of the skyscraper are the telephone wires, of course. And inasmuch as progress in evolution is measured by complex nervous development, it is natural that New York's downtown, where business the highest form of social biology, has attained its fullest development, should be an enormous spider's web of telephone wires. The per capita consumption of telephone wire in New York is six times as much as in London. That represents the relative nervous intensity of business in New York and in London.

Some such excess of wiring I suspect in the skyscrapers of downtown. There are hundreds and thousands of rooms, and in every room one or more men with their mouths and ears at the telephone. It is all cellular partitions and wire ganglions reaching out to Chicago, perhaps, or San Francisco; wires to the stock exchange around the corner; wires to the assistant in the adjoining room, wires to the heart of the dictaphone into which business is being dictated and from which business will travel to the ear of the stenographer who will transfer it to paper. Our ghostly tourist will conclude that modern business is a matter of conversation.

Downtown, inside of its tens of thousands of skyscraper cells, is thus terribly busy—about what? So far as the eye can see, about nothing in particular. A man with a telephone at his elbow, a flat-topped desk with a metal basket holding a dozen letters perhaps, a photograph of the man's wife in a silver frame at one end of the desk, and that is all. But if the cell is a large one, sometimes reaching the dimensions of an entire floor in a skyscraper block, the desks, telephones, metal baskets and photographs are indefinitely multiplied. The substantialities of business are not there—the steel, wheat, cotton, bullions, the beams, casks, boxes and bales which you recall being hauled toward quaint little wharv on toy trucks driven by men in jumpers and shovel hats in the pictures in your school geography labeled commerce. By externals there is no way of telling whether the men at the desk is engaged in selling stocks and bonds, or woolen remnants, or railway accessories, or trusts and mergers, or theatre tickets.

There is lacking the concrete symbolism of the old counting room—the heavy ledgers, whose bulk suggested the raw materials of traffic, the clerks on their high stools, the bustle of orders given and taken. The heavy ledgers have been replaced by filing cabinets, whose purpose seems as much decorative as useful. Your business office might as well be the catalogue room of a college library.

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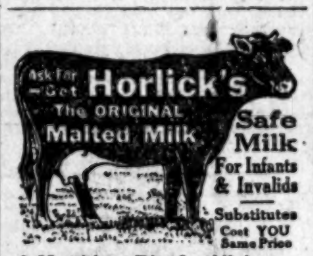

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UNCLE SAM'S CHRISTMAS BARGAINS

Opening and Listing packages in the Dead Letter Office
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Marvin M. McLean, Superintendent, Dead Letter Division, P.O. Dept. who has charge of Christmas Auction Sales

PHOTO BY CLINEDINST
Bags of Unclaimed Packages Stacked Up in Readiness for the Christmas Auction Sale

Receiving Lost Packages in Dead Letter Division
PHOTO BY CLINEDINST

"Christmas Gifts" On Sale At Bargain Rates In Thirteen Different Cities -- Bargains of Past Years -- 46,000 Packages To Be Sold This Year.

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UNCLE SAM has a penchant for selling off his unwanted supplies, and being an economical old bachelor these sales of what might be termed Federal by-products seem to give him rare delight, since the revenue therefrom goes straight into his own Treasury.

One of the most popular of these sales is the Christmas Dead Letter Office auctions of packages which have been found impossible to deliver to the people to whom they were designated and unreclaimed by their senders. The results of these sales net the Post Office Department anywhere from two thousand to ten thousand dollars and over a season.

The goods cover everything imaginable from automobile supplies to buttons; electrical equipment to baby frocks. Everything is sold off; no old stock remains upon the shelves of their disposer. Also, the auction affords a fine chance for the wise buyer to pick up Christmas presents in job lots.

Sales In Thirteen Cities.

These Dead Letter Office auction sales were formerly held in Washington alone; but they are now divided over the zone area of the Parcel Post system, and Dead Letter Office package sales are now held in the thirteen division headquarters of the Railway Mail Service.

These sales should be a joy to the bargain hunter, for the packages sold rarely bring over fifty per cent. of the estimated value of the articles. As the auctions are well advertised, and a catalogue sent to all desiring to know what will be offered at auction, they are well attended; and as a rule purchasers are pleased with their bargains.

The man in charge of this unique sale of heterogeneous supplies is Marvin M. McLean, Superintendent of the Dead Letter Division of the Post Office Department. Mr. McLean gives the official title of Uncle Sam's Christmas auction as "Sale of unclaimed articles accumulated in the Dead Letter Office." He explains that there is no especial reason for the sale's taking place shortly before Christmas except that the accumulation has to be cleared away before another Christmas supply of unclaimed package mail takes its place.

Despite the untiring care of the corps of "blind readers," who spend their entire time in trying to find the rightful owners of the hundreds of thousands of letters and packages which, through insufficient addresses, find their way to this division of the Post Office Department at Washington, there are annually many thousands of waifs and strays which defy every effort to locate their rightful owners and which finally have to be consigned to this picturesque clearance sale.

46,000 Packages To Be Sold.

"Needless to say," said Mr. McLean, "every possible effort is made to find the senders or the addressees. See these shelves of directories?" and he pointed to several well-filled cases of bulky volumes. "These are directories of every good-sized town in the United States and our most experienced 'blind readers' pretty well know them by heart, so long and so hard have they studied their contents in their efforts to divert incorrectly addressed mail into its proper channel.

"Despite all our efforts, however, within the past year nearly four hundred thousand packages sent through the mail went astray; and for them no owner can be found. Of this number some forty-six thousand have been returned to this office and will be sold before Christmas at our annual auction sale of unclaimed articles which have accumulated since last season."

Mr. McLean led the way to the east end of the third floor of the beautiful new Washington Post Office building, which houses the Dead Letter Division of the Post Office Department. Packages of every shape and description by thousands, were piled shelf upon shelf in two large rooms.

"It all entails a lot of work," said he. "Every one of these packages is opened twice, once for indexing, and again for assorting. When every means fails through the efforts of the 'blind reader' to find an owner for a package, it is then opened, a list and description is made of its contents, and it is then given a number and a place on those shelves. This data, with other notations identifying the package, is then listed upon a card and becomes part of a card catalogue of the returned package mail.

"If anyone writes to the Department about a lost package this catalogue is consulted and, if the listing tallies with the description sent, the package is restored to its owner. Until this year packages were kept intact and on the catalogue for one year, but by a new order which went into effect last August, they will hereafter be retained for only six months. After that period of time no claim for reclamation will be considered.

She Prepares Packages For The Sale.

"The second opening of the packages is termed 'stripping' and takes place at the end of the allotted time of holding them. They are then taken from their original wrappings and classified for the sale. For many years it has been the duty of a woman, Miss Annie Monroe, to take charge of this work. Through long practice she has become an adept in valuing the goods, especially women's apparel and appointments, and for a number of years she has been assigned to the task of getting the packages ready for sale at the Christmas auctions.

"Until 1912 the goods as assorted by Miss Monroe were put up in packages containing a variety of articles somewhat alike in character. Each package was then tied up, the contents noted upon the outside and auctioned off in that way. Those were the days when the Dead Letter Office auction sales drew such crowds that policemen were stationed at the doors of the downtown auction rooms to keep the crowds in order. In those days the Washington sales amounted to well over ten thousand dollars annually.

"Since then all goods sold at our package auction sales have been displayed, and there is no gamble whatever about it. They are now, too, arranged in large lots of one kind. In this way our clientele has within the past four years changed materially. Whereas before that time the buyers were composed of from five hundred to a thousand private individuals led to attend the auction by a love of the unknown, or the chance of a rare bargain, or by a desire for a job lot of Christmas presents, now the buyers are shrewd dealers or private speculators in Washington and neighboring cities, who buy the large lots now put up and resell them at great profit.

"Easy Money" In Neckties.

"I recall that last year one dealer bid in a lot of more than nine hundred men's neckties of all grades and descriptions for seventy-five dollars. You can easily figure out the profit he was likely to make on that job lot of perfectly good neckwear. The same thing happened with pocket-knives. These under the new arrangement were all thrown together in one lot and sold to one dealer who doubtless made good money from his purchase. A peculiarity of these knives was that they were nearly all pearl handled, some of them very good, which shows the universal taste in choosing a penknife as a Christmas gift.

Parcel Post Help; Not Hindrance.

"Has the Parcel Post Service increased the number of articles disposed of at the Christmas auction sales?"

"No," Mr. McLean replied. "It has had the opposite effect. The rule necessitating senders to place their names and addresses on every package sent by Parcel Post has greatly lessened their loss. While the number of packages transmitted by mail annually runs into millions, the proportion returned to the Dead Letter Office is relatively smaller than before its advent.

"The cities beside Washington which conduct the auction sales of undelivered packages are New York, Boston, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, San Francisco, St. Paul, Fort Worth, Atlanta, New Orleans, Seattle and Omaha."

No one who has not attended these quaint sales of Post Office left-overs can have an adequate conception of the number and bewildering variety of articles which are annually lost in the mails, with no clue to their owners, and are thus disposed of.

The RECLAMATION SERVICE has made the Desert Blossom as the Rose

The Roosevelt Dam in Arizona, Salt River Project

An Irrigation Ditch

The Great Elephant, Butte Dam

A Sketch of the Work of Reclaiming the Great West- How Water Has Been Brought To Arid Lands- The Great Elephant-Butte Dam.

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THE practice of irrigation is very ancient—in fact, it is one of the oldest arts of civilization. As early as 2,000, B. C., history tells of the extensive irrigation projects and storage reservoirs of Egypt. Herodotus, writing four hundred and fifty years before the Christian era, described the Assyrian irrigation system built by Nimrod, King of Babel, or Nebuchadnezzer about 2204, B. C., and which utilized canals and laterals, some of which were navigable and connected the Euphrates with the Tigris. The historian Pliny wrote of the reservoirs of the Nile Valley constructed by King Maeris about 2084, B. C. The ancient flooding system of Egypt, the reservoirs of Persia, the Grecian aqueduct, the Roman conduits and the Jewish canals near Hebron are common knowledge. During the recent excavations in Mesopotamia some remarkable irrigation products have been discovered showing that the people of that period were well up on that subject. So, it will be seen that the greatest nations of the ancient world maintained dominion for centuries in a practically rainless land and raised crops equal to their needs by the system of irrigation.

Even in our own land irrigation is older than tradition. Evidences of it are found in many places in the Southwest, especially in Arizona and New Mexico. Some of these ancient canals are still plainly marked and so well constructed that in some sections the irrigators of the present time are utilizing the work of this prehistoric race. According to the records, at the time of the Spanish conquest of Mexico appropriations of streams for irrigation prevailed among the Aztecs, the Toltecs and the Yaquis, and the practice survives to this day among the native tribes of the Pueblo Indians. The Pueblos use the water as they have done for generations and hold sacred their irrigation rights acquired by use and recognized by law. Down in Peru irrigation is of ancient origin too, and several centuries ago appropriation was directed by the State, which constructed and maintained canals for the use of the tillers of the soil. For many years parts of Spain, Portugal, France and Italy have produced crops by the aid of irrigation. The Moors carried it into Sicily and Algeria. The Spanish conquerors brought the art to America. From Mexico the knowledge was carried northward into the Californias by the Jesuit and Franciscan padres who had irrigation ditches constructed about the Missions where a few still exist.

There was nothing in the way of extensive irrigation carried out in the United States, however, until 1847, when the Mormon colonists of Utah first diverted the waters of City Creek near Salt Lake City for the purpose of using it in cultivating the soil.

Under Interior Department.

At present the irrigation work comes under what is known as the Reclamation Service, a part of the Department of the Interior. It is also the home-making bureau of the Government and was organized in 1902. In the sixteen arid States there are about 450,000,000 acres of land belonging to the Government, and it is estimated that at least 40,000,000 acres can be cultivated with proper irrigation. By the Act of Congress, known as the Reclamation Act, of June 17, 1902, all proceeds from the sale of public lands in the arid States shall be expended in the construction of irrigation works. Since that time remarkable progress has been made by the Service, and at the present time more than a million and a half acres of desert land have been made to blossom as the rose by means of ditches and laterals connected with the big reservoirs set up in the mountains. More than thirty thousand families have been established in homes of their own in prosperous agricultural communities, farming the land which was formerly the desert home of the Jack Rabbit.

Deeds Of Daring.

Deeds of daring and resourcefulness almost without parallel in history have been performed in the perfecting of this great scheme of desert redemption and engineering feats have been accomplished which have astonished the world. Take for instance the great Uncompahgre project in the State of Colorado. The land in this section was found to be particularly fertile if water could be brought to it. So the engineers of the Reclamation Service set about the project and accomplished it only after strenuous work.

The Uncompahgre and the Gunnison rivers were ten miles apart and separated by a mountain two thousand feet high. It was decided to take the superfluous water from the Gunnison River and divert it into the Uncompahgre and so make fertile the hundreds of thousands of acres in the valley. This could only be done by tunnelling the mountain, which was no easy task. Surveying the route was hazardous as to accomplish this the men had to swing ropes over precipices and often cling to crevices in the rocks, while others floated down unexplored streams on rafts encountering many dangers. They, however, succeeded and completed a tunnel six miles in length which is accepted by all engineers as the greatest underground waterway in the world.

Four Great Dams.

The Service has also constructed four great masonry dams, this work being second only to the building of the Panama Canal. The great Roosevelt dam down in Arizona has a storage capacity of water sufficient to cover more than a million and a quarter reservoir.

It required five years to construct the great dam which will hold eight hundred and fifty-six billion gallons of water—a regular man made ocean in the heart of the desert. The engineering problems met and solved in the construction of the dam were numerous and difficult. Preliminary work before a rock was placed in the foundation consumed as much time as the actual building of the structure itself. A railroad thirteen miles long and through a difficult country had to be constructed and a camp accommodating four thousand people was established with complete lighting, water and sewerage systems.

The huge gray dam itself is dwarfed by the gray hills around it, and one must stand on its crest to appreciate its size. Shaped like a wedge with the narrow edge uppermost and the ter acres one foot deep. It is known as the Salt River project and is one of the largest of the irrigation projects. Its purpose is to regulate the flow of the Salt River, and the distribution through the dam includes nearly eight hundred miles of canals.

In Wyoming the engineering work on the Shoshone dam was unusually interesting on account of its great height. Its construction is of the strongest type, being over one hundred feet thick on the bottom. The soil there is light and sandy and is an excellent place for dairy farms.

The Boise Project.

The Boise, Idaho, project will reclaim a quarter of a million acres in a beautiful country. To do this it was necessary to build the Arrowrock dam, the highest of its kind in the world. When all the ditches and canals are completed it will open up homesteads for hundreds of people. Parts of the land are still being irrigated from a reservoir near Caldwell.

The Elephant Butte Dam.

The greatest work, however, is the huge Elephant-Butte dam in the Southwest which has recently been completed at the cost of over $5,000,000.00. The completion of the dam brings to an end the bitter interstate and international controversy which has raged in the Rio Grande Valley between New Mexico and Texas and with Old Mexico. It was strife each year between the farmers over water rights, and at times there was danger of rupture in the relations between the United States and Mexico whose rich valley was threatened with destruction by reason of the shortage of water. Mexico has now cancelled her claims and in lieu thereof will accept a supply of water drawn from the broad base buried beneath the waters and the sands of the river bed reaching deep into bed rock below, there is easily room for two teams to pass between the two six-foot parapets on the roadway that forms the top. It is five minutes walk from end to end with a magnificent view spread out before the traveler. The lake is by no means filled as yet, but the water it contains is unusually clear. Great carp and cat-fish of an unusual size swim about in a contented fashion.

The main dam has numerous galleries and passages and one may explore its insides at will. Steps lead everywhere—in fact it would seem that you were going through to Asia as you go down and down these iron stairways. Finally, the walls are damp to the touch and you become conscious of a change in the air pressure. You are nearing the bottom. The structure seems to shake by the vibration due to the rush of water to the power plant and the sensation is by no means pleasant. The whole work is a marvel of engineering.

Umatilla Project, Oregon. First Steps in Irrigation

Arrowrock Dam, Boise Project, Idaho, Highest Dam in the World, 351 Feet

The West Changed.

All over the West one finds evidences of the excellent work of the Service, and more than 3,000,000 Americans are now living on crops grown on lands made fertile by irrigation. Almost everything is grown upon these once barren hills and plains. Beautiful homes now stand where once only the rattlesnake and the cactus plant could thrive; great wheat fields spread out over land where the sage brush and grease weed once held sway; alfalfa has taken the place of the mesquite brush, and roses bloom where once the stickey cactus thrived alone. Green spots where cattle find plenty to eat are now found in the arid lands of the great Southwest. Even in the cold Northwest we find great apple orchards and wheat and barley fields, with fine homes to house the farmer and big barns to hold the crops until they can be sent to market. Already more than $100,000,000.00 has been spent in irrigation projects and the prospect is that as much more will be spent during the next ten years.

A few years ago Congress appropriated additional funds for irrigation and as a certain project is completed it is made available for settlement and each settler may take about forty acres of ground for a homestead. These homesteaders then go together and form a water association, paying the cost of operating the plant, also setting apart a sum of money to reimburse the Government for the construction of the plant. As this money comes in to Washington other operations are started—a clear case of Uncle Sam helping those who help themselves. Those of us who know the great West and the remarkable changes which it has undergone through irrigation feel that the Reclamation Service is a national asset and is laying the foundation for a great increase in the national wealth and production as well as providing an outlet for the increasing population of our country.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON FIRMER AND HIGHER

May Contracts Advance Over $2.50 a Bale Above Tuesday's Low Level. Spot Quoted at 20.15.

New York, Dec. 6.—While somewhat irregular, the cotton market showed a generally firmer tone today, with May selling to 20.60, or more than $2.50 per bale above the low level of yesterday afternoon. That delivery closed at 20.59 and the general list closed very steady at a net advance of 20 to 31 points.

The steadier tone was encouraged at the opening by firmer cables, and houses with Liverpool connections were good buyers. Buying also was encouraged by the bullish average of Southern spot advices after starting at an advance of 13 to 22 points, the market sold about 28 to 29 points net higher during the early trading.

The market turned rather easier under profit-taking, January selling off from 20.14 to 20.00 during the early afternoon, while March sold down from 20.37 to 20.25, but offerings were well taken and the market firmed up again. The highest levels of the day were reached in the late trading, with January selling at 20.15 and March at 20.40. The close was within a point or two of the best.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	.....	20.00	19.90	19.99
Jan.	20.02	20.15	20.00	20.14
March	20.28	20.40	20.25	20.37
May	20.55	20.60	20.47	20.59
July	20.53	20.64	20.50	20.63
Oct.	18.48	18.60	18.48	18.59

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 20.15; sales 600 bales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 19.63; receipts, 4,131; sales, 3,075; stock, 478,744.

Galveston—Middling, 20.00; receipts, 15,961; sales, 1,509; stock, 415,831.

Mobile—Middling, 19.62; receipts, 866; sales, 25; stock, 20,363.

Savannah—Middling, 20.25; receipts, 6,391; sales, 500; stock, 219,615.

Charleston—Middling, 19¾; receipts, 772; stock, 83,863.

Wilmington—Middling, 19½; receipts, 229; stock, 46,548.

Norfolk—Middling 19.50; erceipts 3,-247; sales, 1,024; stock, 92,827.

Baltimore—Stock, 7,938.

Boston—Middling, 19.90; receipts, 4,-417; stock, 7,466.

Philadelphia — Middling, 20.40; receipts, 41; stock, 1,443.

New York—Middling, 20.15; stock, 146,081.

Minor Ports—Receipts, 4,815; exports, 5,068; stock, 61,345.

Atlanta—Semi-weekly—Stock, 79,796.

Total today—Receipts, 40,873; exports, 5,068; stock, 1,581,998.

Total for week—Receipts, 194,191; exports, 71,945.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,259,007; exports, 2,552,600.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 20.00; receipts, 11,202; shipments, 10,449; sales, 2,946; stock, 286,662.

Memphis — Middling, 20.00; receipts, 7,708; shipments, 6,858; sales, 400; stock, 271,911.

Augusta — Middling, 19.88; receipts, 1,522; shipments, 872; sales, 103; stock, 148,100.

St. Louis—Receipts, 13,291; shipments, 12,403; stock, 29,939.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 3,722; shipments, 856; stock, 20,292.

Little Rock—Middling, 20.05; receipts, 1,485; shipments, 1,591; sales, 1,-491; stock, 56,151.

Dallas—Middling, 19.50; sales, 3,279.

Montgomery—Middling, 19.63; sales, 252.

Total today—Receipts, 38,930; shipments, 33,039; stock, 810,055.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Buying Wave Sends Prices to Advance of 25 to 31 Points.

New Orleans, Dec. 6.—A buying wave toward the end of the session today put cotton 25 to 31 points up. A much higher Liverpool than expected started the upward trend and to some extent the market was stimulated by improved spot account.

Around the opening trading months were 21 to 27 points over yesterday's close and the advance gradually increased. Several setbacks occurred by the market always recovered. A part of the buying late in the day appeared based on expectations of bullish ginning reports in the census report due Friday. The close was steady, practically at the highest. Closing bids: [illegible]53; Jan. 19.64; March 19.94; July 20.32; Oct. 18.30.

Spot steady and unchanged; [illegible]pot 2,415; to arrive 660; [illegible]

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 6.—Rumors of export inquiry and [illegible] strength in lard and cotton induced short covering in cotton seed oil today and at the close the market was 12 to 20 points net higher. Sales 26,900 barrels.

Close firm. Spot 12. [illegible]; December 12.54 to 12.56; January [illegible] to 12.71; February 12.71 to 12.72; March 12.79 to 12.73; April 12.75 to 12.76; [illegible] to 12.80; June 12.80 to 12.90; [illegible] to 12.84.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 16.—Spot cotton firm; good middling 12.05; middling 11.95; low middling 11.79; sales 7,000 bales; 500 for speculation and exports; receipts 10,000 bales.

Futures steady. December 11.95; December and January 11.95; January and February 12.01; February and March 12.00; March and April 12.13; April and May 12.18; May and June 12.24; June and July 12.24; July and August 12.24; August and September 11.93; September and October 11.43; October and November 11.23; November and December 11.23.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Dec. 6.—Beeves, steady; steers 6.80 to 9.25; bulls 4.50 to 7.00; cows 3.65 to 6.75.

Calves—Steady; veals 9.50 to 14.50; culls 7.00 to 9.00; grassers 4.00 to 5.50; fed calves 5.75 to 7.00; yearlings 4.00 to 4.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Steady; sheep 5.00 to 8.00; culls 3.50 to 4.75; lambs 11.50 to 13.25; culls 9.00 to 10.00.

Hogs—Higher; light to medium 9.50 to 10.10; pigs 9.00 to 9.50; rough 8.75.

SHARP ADVANCE IN WHEAT

Market Carried Upward by Huge Export Sales—Prices Were 2 3-4 to 4 7-8 Net Higher.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Huge export sales carried the wheat market today sharply up grade. Prices, although unsettled at the close, were 2 3-4 to 4 7-8 net higher with May at 1.50 7-8 to 1.51 1-4, and July at 1.50 3-4. Corn gained 2 1-8 to 2 3-4; oats 1 1-4 to 1 5-8, and provisions 2 1-2 to 35.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May 1.50 7-8; July 1.50 3-4.
Corn—May 95 1-8; July 95.
Oats—May 58 1-2; July 55 7-8.
Pork—January 27.65; May 26.55.
Lard—January 16.45; May 16.37
Ribs—January 14.20; May 14.45.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red nominal; No. 3 red 1.69 to 1.71; No. 2 hard 1.81; No. 3 hard nominal.

Corn—No. 2 yellow 94 1-2 to 95; No. 4 yellow 90 1-2 to 94 1-2; No. 4 white 91 to 93 1-2.

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List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Quito (Br.), 2,153 tons, Anderson, Aelx. Sprunt & Son.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,283 tons, Holasch, Heide & Co.

Str Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 6.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—49c.
ROSIN—$5.70 and $5.45.
TAR—$2.60-10½c.
CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00 and $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 53½c.; rosin, $5.65 and $5.60; tar, $2.30-9 1-2c.; crude turpentine, nominal.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine 8
Rosin ..... (—)
Tar 16
Crude Turpentine 71

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 12 casks; rosin, 73 barrels; tar, 198 barrels; crude turpentine, 18 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—19½c.; quotations same day last year, 11⅝.

Receipts—218 bales; same day last year, 693 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 69,242 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year 129,089 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

December 6, 1916.

Atlantic Coast Line—218 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 61 barrels tar; 7 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—218 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 61 barrels tar; 71 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 6.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 50c to 55c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.40 to $1.50 per bu.

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, grass, 2 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green, salt, 15c. to 16c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 22 to 25c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 30c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—35c. to 36c. dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 6.—North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers stock, fancy handpicked, $1.07; No. 1, machine, $1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 66c; fancy handpicked, 60c; No. 1 machine picked, 55c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 6.—Spanish—Farmers' stock: Market quiet. New stock, $1.35 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock: Market firm.

New stock—Fancy Jumbo, 4 1-4c per lb; Extra Prime, 3 3-4c per lb; Prime, 3c per lb; Shelling stock, 3c to [illegible] per lb.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 6.—Raw sugar steady; fair refining 4; molasses 4.77; refining quiet.

Coffee—Spot [illegible] Rio 7s, 9 1-4; Santos [illegible]

MR. FRA[illegible] STRICKLAND DEAD.

Dies at Home a[illegible] Seventy-Sixth Anniversary [illegible] Birth.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 6.—Mr. Francis Strickland, after an illness of more than a year, died at his home here Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock on the 64th anniversary of his birth. The interment was in the local cemetery, with services conducted by the lodge of Odd Fellows. The deceased has been a member of the Methodist church for a number of years, and was held in high esteem by the people of the community. He is survived by his widow, a brother, Mr. Seth Strickland; a sister, Miss Mattie Strickland, both of this town; and the following children: Mrs. Leslie Carlton, of Marine; Mrs. Collie Sheffield, of Mt. Olive; Mr. Ed Smith, of near Warsaw, and Mrs. John Hill, Miss Mattie Lee Strickland, and Mr. Floyd Strickland, of Warsaw.

MONEY RATES ARE RELAXED

Another Heavy Inflow of Gold From Canada—Cheap Railway Issues Higher—Petroleums Active.

New York, Dec. 6.—Relaxation of money rates prompted fresh speculative ventures today, although the movement of stocks was hardly regular or uniform. Some shares reflected steady pressure. The maximum rate for call loans was 7 per cent, with an abundance of offerings later at 5 and a final rate of 3 per cent.

The easing of money was ascribed to another heavy inflow of gold from Canada, and the reduced demands from the interior, virtually insuring a favorable bank return at the close of the current week. Cheap rails were higher, while standard shares of that group were either hesitant or lower. Demand for the new Missouri Pacific issues, all at record quotations, was a noteworthy feature and the recent inquiry for Rock Island, Lake Erie and Westerns, Wheeling and Lake Erie, Chicago and Alton, Missouri, Kansas and Texas, Wabash A. & B. preferred, Toledo, St. Louis and Western and Southern Railway was well sustained.

Petroleums as a class were active and sugars were better with further strength in American Woolen, Corn Products, Gas shares, Western Union and numerous specialties, including Owens bottle machinery at an extreme gain of 9 1-4 points.

United States Steel repeated its uncertain course of yesterday, but closed at a fractional advance with gains of 1 to 3 points in other industrials. Equipments and munitions backed and filled but motors were strong with shipping shares. Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies advancing 5 points to the new record of 132.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales par value $5,575,000. United States bonds unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	34¾
American Beet Sugar	106½
American Can	63
American Car and Foundry	77¾
American Cotton Oil	52¾
American Locomotive	90¼
American Smelting	117⅝
American Sugar	116⅛
American Tel. and Tel	127½
American Tobacco	B.221
American Zinc	61
Anaconda Copper	99
Atchison	105⅞
Atlantic Coast Line	123
Baldwin Locomotive	77½
Baltimore and Ohio	86½
Bethlehem Steel	610
Canadian Pacific	167
Central Leather	108¾
Chesapeake and Ohio	70¼
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	94
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	39⅝
Colorado Fuel and Iron	57⅝
Consolidated Gas	134⅞
Corn Products	29¼
Crucible Steel	87
Cuba Cane Sugar	68⅜
Erie	37⅞
General Electric	179¾
Great Northern, pfd	117⅞
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	44
Goodrich	69¼
Illinois Central	107
Inspiration Copper	69⅝
Int. Mer. Marine, pfd	117⅛
International Nickel	48
International Paper	65⅝
Kansas City Southern	27⅛
Kennecott Copper	57⅛
Lehigh Valley	82⅝
Louisville and Nashville	B.133
Liggett and Meyers	B.293
Lorillard Co	B.232
Maxwell Motors	75⅛
Mexican Petroleum	109⅛
National Lead	68⅝
New York Central	107¾
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	58
Norfolk and Western	141
Northern Pacific	111¼
Pennsylvania	56⅜
Ray Consolidated Copper	33⅞
Reading	110¼
Rep. Iron and Steel	88⅝
Seaboard Air Line	B. 17
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	39½
Sloss-Sheff. Steel and Iron	83⅝
Studebaker Corporation	121
Southern Pacific	99⅞
Southern Railway	20½
Southern Railway, pfd	69⅜
Tennessee Copper	24⅛
Texas Co	206¼
Union Pacific	146⅝
United Fruit	161¼
United States Rubber	68
United States Steel	126½
United States Steel, pfd	121⅜
Utah Copper	126⅛
Virginia-Caro. Chem	48
Wabash, Pfd., "B"	32⅝
Western Union	103
Westinghouse Electric	63

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Hogs weak at 15c above yesterday's average. Bulk 9.65@10.15; light 9.00@10.10; mixed 9.50@10.30; heavy 9.65@10.30; rough 9.65@9.86; pigs 7.00@8.35.

Cattle—Strong. Native beef steers, 7.00@12.75; Western steers 7.00@10.50; stockers 4.60@7.55; cows and heifers 385@10.25; calves 9.50@13.25.

Sheep—Strong. Wethers 8.30@9.25; ewes 5.00@8.75; lambs 10.00@12.85.

DRY GOODS MARKET

New York, Dec. 6.—Cotton goods and yarns were quiet and firm today. Wool goods were firm and men's wear showed a decidedly advancing tendency. Knit goods also were firm. Worsted yarns were higher. Jobbers reported a seasonably quister trade.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 6.—Mercantile paper 4; sterling, 60 day bills 4.71 1-2; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.71 1-4; commercial 60 day bills 4.71; demand 4.71 1-2; cables 4.76 7-16. Bar silver 58; Mexican dollars 58 1-4. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds irregular. Time loans steady, 60 and 90 days and six months 4. Call money strong, ruling rate 6 per cent.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 6.—Turpentine firm, 49 3-4c. Sales 430; receipts 399; shipments none; stock 23,302.

Rosin—Firm; sales 1,544; receipts 1,-862; shipments none; stock 94,999. Quote: A B C D, 6.20 to 6.25; E F G, 6.25; H I, 6.30; K, 6.35 to 6.40; M, 6.40 to 6.50; N, 6.75 to 6.80; WG, 7.00; WW, 7.20.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 7, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 54 degrees; at 8 P. M., 50 degrees; maximum, 64 degrees; minimum, 50 degrees; mean, 57 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .00 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 2.8 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair Thursday; Friday fair, warmer east, rain west portion.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 7, 1916.

Sun rises ..... 7:05 A. M.
Sun sets ..... 5:03 P. M.
Day's length ..... 9 hrs. 58 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	3:12	3:27	2:50	3:20
Southport	6:16	6:27	12:32	11:53
Masonboro Inl.	6:05	6:16	12:12	11:33

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 6, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	cldy	76	40	.0
Asheville	clear	56	38	.0
Atlanta	clear	66	44	.0
Augusta	clear	68	52	.0
Baltimore	clear	52	—	.0
Birmingh	clear	72	50	.0
Boston	cldy	46	44	.0
Charleston	clear	64	56	.0
Charlotte	clear	62	48	.0
Chicago	clear	54	36	.0
Galveston	clear	72	66	.0
Jacksonv	clear	66	60	.0
Memphis	clear	70	46	.0
Mobile	clear	66	60	.0
Montgom'y	clear	70	60	.0
New Orl.	cldy	76	62	.0
New York	clear	50	40	.0
Oklahoma	clear	66	46	.0
Palestine	clear	78	64	.0
Pittsburg	clear	48	36	.0
Raleigh	clear	58	46	.0
Savannah	clear	76	58	.0
Shreveport	clear	76	—	.0
St. Louis	cldy	58	40	.0
Washing'n	clear	52	44	.0

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DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 80 3:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:20 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia**, which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	11:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:46 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. ‡Leaves from Station No. 3.

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "electric Center," for Winter Park	Leave "electric Center," for Wrightsville	Leave "electric Center," for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	17:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:45 P.M.	2:55 P.M.	3:06 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:15 P.M.	3:25 P.M.	3:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
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5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:45 P.M.	5:55 P.M.	6:06 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

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WILLIAM H. TAFT IS HEARD IN RALEIGH

Delivers Principal Address Before State Literary and Historical Society

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Major H. A. London is President and Mrs. Marshall Williams, Vice President—Art Commission Wanted—Folk Lore Society.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 6.—The State Literary and Historical Society this afternoon elected as officers for the next year the following: President, Major H. A. London; vice presidents, Mrs. Marshall Williams, T. M. Pittman and Mrs. W. N. Reynolds; secretary-treasurer, R. D. W. Connor.

The committee on art commission recommended that the Legislature be importuned to establish such a commission on a footing similar to that of the State Historical Commission. The association heard addresses this forenoon by Prof. William T. Laprade, of Trinity College, on "The End of An Epoch"; Prof. W. W. Pierson, of the State University, on "The Sovereign State of North Carolina, 1787-1789"; Prof. Collier Cobb, of the University of North Carolina, on "Historical Highways in North Carolina; How to Mark Them"; these in addition to the report of W. C. A. Hammel, of Greensboro, recommending the creation of a State art commission.

This afternoon there was a paper on "Woman's Suffrage in North Carolina—Its History," by W. S. Wilson, Legislative Librarian; "History of Crimes and Punishments in North Carolina," by Thomas M. Pittman, and "The North Carolina Bibliography, 1915-16," by Miss Minnie Leatherman, secretary of the North Carolina Library Commission.

This evening at 8 o'clock the auditorium of the Meredith College was thronged with people for the final event of the association sessions in the address by Former President William Howard Taft on "Edward Livingston and His Relations With Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall and Andrew Jackson." The address was given in the former President's best vein and was heard with keenest interest.

Following the address there was a reception at the Woman's Club building for Mr. Taft and the members of the Association. It was the first formal reception held in the splendid new club building and was a brilliant affair with State officers, officers of the club and of the association doing the honors in the receiving line.

Folk Lore Society.

The North Carolina Folk Lore Society, subsidiary to the Literary and Historical Association, this afternoon heard the annual address by President D. H. Hill, showing fine progress in folk lore preservation, and papers on "Sympathetic Interest in Folk Lore," by Haywood Parker, of Asheville, and "Folk Lore in German Literature," by Dr. Wanamaker, of Trinity College.

The bill that the State Literary and Historical Association has adopted to be pressed through the next session of the Legislature for the creation of a State Art Commission provides that five commissioners shall be appointed by the Governor April 1 next, the official terms to be six years, with graded initial short first terms. The sum of $500 is to be set aside annually for the expenses of the commission and it shall act in an advisory capacity with the State authorities as to the art features on the remodeling or building of any State buildings and the execution or procurement of any works of art.

LLOYD-GEORGE IS THE NEW PREMIER OF GREAT BRITAIN

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the Lloyd-George press has been crying. But their going will be attended by widespread misgivings among the people.

Mr. Lloyd-George is committed to the formation of a war council, and the membership of that dictatorship will be the most important and crucial work he will have. Andrew Bonar Law, the Earl of Derby, and Sir Edward Carson, all of them conservatives, are most talked of. Mr. Bonar-Law and Lord Derby would be generally approved, but Sir Edward Carson has many critics.

Northcliffe May Enter Cabinet.

The new premier is confronted with the problem whether he will become a member of his own war council. The scheme for the council which he presented to Premier Asquith as the price of his continuance in the Asquith cabinet excluded the premier on the ground that the general duties of the office did not leave time for daily sessions. The question whether Lord Northcliffe, to whom Mr. Lloyd-George largely owes his advancement, will enter the cabinet is much discussed. If he does, the presence there of Mr. Asquith, Viscount Grey and Mr. Balfour, whom Lord Northcliffe's newspapers call "the Haldane gang," apparently becomes entirely improbable.

Who will be the minister of foreign affairs and chancellor of the exchequer—two of the most important offices outside of the military and naval spheres—is a matter of speculation on which predictions are all guess work. The house of commons will meet tomorrow, but no notice regarding the new government is expected. An official note tonight says the proceedings will be formal, and that no questions will be answered.

TENNESSEE OFFICIAL VOTE

President's Plurality Over Charles E. Hughes Was 37,230.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 6.—The official vote of Tennessee in the recent election was:

President—Wilson 153,344; Hughes 116,114; Benson 2,542; Hanly 147.

Senator—McKellar 143,725; Hooper 118,174; Mangum 2,187.

Governor—Rye 146,758; Overall 117,817; Wiles 2,066.

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WANTS MORE RIVALRY AMONG THE PACKERS

Urges Live Stock Producers to Stimulate Competition

Mr. McClure Tells Them to Discourage Practice of Selling to Packing House Agents Sent Direct to the Farms.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Livestock producers were urged today to do their share in stimulating competition among buyers for the packing houses, and to discourage the growing practice of selling to agents sent direct to the farms, in an address here by M. L. McClure, of Kansas City, Mo., president of the National Livestock Exchange. Mr. McClure's remarks, which exhibited some concern over "the hold the packers have on the producer," were made to delegates to the Fourth Annual Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits, at the section devoted to "Marketing of Livestock."

"If the present system of marketing on central competitive markets is the best, it should be supported and the efforts of certain packers in trying to break down the price-making system by going to the country to buy their supplies should be discouraged," said Mr. McClure.

He urged producers to refuse to sell to agents sent to their farms and ranches. He said that central competitive markets are a natural growth where prices are fixed by the law of supply and demand, unless the market is manipulated. He said it was obvious that no packer would send to the farms unless he could buy cheaper there than in a competitive market.

Mr. McClure in noting the decrease in competition among big buyers of fat stock observed that the Federal government in 1915 had inspectors at 44 fewer packing plants than in 1912. "Every one knows of this lack of competition," said the speaker. "The free working of the law of supply and demand is all that can be asked. We see the supply; what is asked is that the roof be taken off so that we can see the demand.

Mr. McClure added that the least the conference could do would be to adopt a resolution endorsing competitive buying. He suggested co-operative packing plants as a stimulant to this end.

SENATOR SMITH HAS PLAN FOR CHECKING BOLL WEEVIL

Would Establish Cotton Prohibitive Zones for Period of a Year.

Washington, Dec. 6. — Creation of a series of zones in the South, in which no cotton could be grown for a period of one year as a means of checking and exterminating the boll wevil in this country will be proposed in a bill which Senator Smith, of South Carolina, announced today he soon would offer and urge for passage. The Senator proposes that the non-growing area shall be started in the extreme northeastern limit of the cotton section and gradually work southward and westward in a series of zones 100 miles in width each year until the entire cotton growing section shall have been covered.

The Federal government, Senator Smith said, would be given the power to police the zone to see that the law was observed, and growers and ginners affected would be compensated by the government. Experts estimated that it would cost $25,000,000 a year to maintain the boll weevil zone in Alabama which Senator Smith proposed a year ago.

ALLIED SHIPS ARE AGAIN WARNED AGAINST U-BOATS

Message Sent Out by British Cruiser Off American Coast.

New York, Dec. 7. — Another warning to merchant steamers of the Entente Allies to beware of German submarines was sent broadcast by wireless at 10:30 o'clock this morning by a British cruiser about 40 miles off Sandy Hook. The wireless message said:

"German submarines may be met anywhere in the Atlantic, especially west of 60 degrees west. Keep good lookouts. Show no unnecessary lights. Avoid all trade routes and converging points."

WESTERN FRONT HELD IN GRASP OF WINTER

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intended mission of death and destruction.

"This is where it should fall," remarks the gunner as he points to a map with a pair of compasses. "We will put another just over here," and bang, goes the gun again.

The Germans have been bombarding one of their recently lost positions and such "straffing" calls for a reply, even if the enveloping fog permits one to see scarcely beyond the grim muzzle of the giant gun itself.

Under the protecting canopy of fog the Associated Press correspondent sought to explore the pulverized ruins of what was once the thriving little French village of Beaumont-Hamel. Officers and Tommies coming from that direction gave every assurance that all was quiet within; so the motor car proceeded until a ghostly whine in the impenetrable gloom overhead told its own story. The daily shelling had begun.

To one only casually acquainted with the noises of a battlefield, there is always bewilderment as to which are the "friendly" shells, going over towards the enemy, and which are the very unfriendly visitors coming over, to burst in a wild destroying fury. So intense was the bombardment at one time, with the shells rushing in opposite directions overhead that the mingled sounds became like the singing of storm winds.

A striking picture in the fog was that of a little English burial party at a newly made grave. A chaplain in khaki was reading the service for the dead while Tommies stood bareheaded beside the bodies of several of their comrades who, being buried where they fell, found a final resting place in the ground more hallowed to the real soldier than Westminster itself.

Sadly alone and detached, the little party seemed and all the while cross currents of shells were swishing and whining through the overhanging mist in the strongest of requiem chants.

CARPENTIER DESIRES TO REMAIN WITH FRENCH ARMY

Announcement of Bout With Jess Willard is at Least Premature.

Paris, Dec. 6.—The personal desire of Georges Carpentier, the French aviator and champion heavy-weight pugilist of Europe, is to remain with the French flying corps at the front, a desire he has expressed each time an offer from the United States to arrange a bout for him has been received. The report that he has been given a furlough for a match in New York with Jess Willard is at least premature.

BUCHAREST FALLS INTO HANDS OF TEUTONS

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ing it by a withdrawal of the railway route remaining to them.

The taking of Bucharest virtually completes the conquest by the Teutonic forces of the southern section of the Rumanian kingdom, embracing territory of more than 50,000 square miles, and marks the culmination of an operation accounted by military commentators one of the most soundly conceived brilliantly executed strategical feats of the great war.

From the hour when Field Marshal Von Mackensen forced a crossing of the Danube and on November 24 set foot on Rumanian soil, effecting a junction shortly afterward with General Von Falkenhayn's armies driving through Wallachia from the west, there seemed little doubt of the ultimate fate of the Rumanian capital. The relentless pressure of the Teutonic invading armies, with their preponderance of heavy artillery proved too much for King Ferdinand's forces once the Rumanian front was broken in western Wallachia and the Danube crossed behind the line of the northern Teutonic irruption.

Continuously outflanked on the south by Von Mackensen's advance and on the north by further Austro-German irruptions through the mountain passes, the Rumanians had no choice but to fall back on the line of their capital and now have been forced to yield even that.

The beginning of the Teutonic campaign against Rumania dates back to the Rumanian entrance into the war on August 27. Perhaps taken by surprise by the speed with which the Rumanians threw their troops across the Transylvanian Alps into Hungary and took possession of Kronstadt, Hermannstadt and a wide sweep of Hungarian territory, the Austro-German military authorities nevertheless were awake to the opportunities in Dobrudja on the Rumanian southwestern front. Within a few days the Bulgarians were found to be winning signal successes along the Danube, capturing Turkukai on September 7 and Silistria on the 10th. There remained then the operation of clearing the remainder of Dubrudja up to the important railway line running from the Black Sea port of Constanza into interior Rumania over the bridge at Tchernavoda. This Von Mackensen accomplished something more than a month later, defeating the Russo-Rumaninan army and capturing the railway, thus cutting off Bucharest from direct rail communication with the Black Sea and cutting the most convenient line for sending Russian reinforcements and supplies into Rumania.

This accomplished, there began the process of crushing Rumania in the nut cracker fashion made familiar by the Germans in this war. First the Rumanians were pushed back to their frontier on the north. General Von Falkenhayn than began hammering at the passes through the Transylvania Alps which it was necessary to carry to reach the Rumanian plain. The Rumanians, assisted in some cases by the Russians, tenaciously defended these passes and their approaches, but on November 18 came the vital break in the Rumanian line. This occurred in the upper Jiul valley when Von Falkenhayn won the great battle of Tirgujui and opened the way to the plains of Little Wallachia.

Driving southward Von Falkenhayn quickly captured Craiova, cutting off the Rumanian forces in the Orsova region, in extreme western Rumania, and by November 23 had virtually completed the conquest of Little Wallachia. The Rumanian retreat eastward was in full swing by this time when suddenly came the news that Von Mackensen, who had been marshalling a big army in Dobrudja, had effected a crossing of the Danube at several points, one of them at Zimbitza, turning the position the Rumanians had taken up along the Alt river after their retreat from the Jiul.

From then on events moved rapidly. Von Mackensen, capturing Giurgiu on the Danube, pressed up the railroad line thence toward Bucharest and the armies from the west and north, winning engagements that permitted the influx of additional forces through the passes, fought their way to the line of the Argechu.

This line was broken in a great battle on December 3 in which the first Rumanian army was badly defeated and began falling back eastward in disorder. The Austro-German armies were nearing the capital on three sides and at no point except on the south meeting really effective resistance. Even to the south it was announced on Tuesday that they had worked within seven miles of the capital, which had been reported under bombardment for several days and its evacuation by the Rumanians was hourly looked for.

In entering Bucharest the armies of the Central Powers have taken their fourth Entente capital. Early in the war King Albert and the Belgian government were forced out of Brussels, and last year King Peter, of Serbia, and King Nicholas, of Montenegro, were successively compelled to give up their capitals to the Teutonic invaders. Now the process has been repeated in the case of King Ferdinand, of Rumania.

Bucharest, before the present war relegated old fashioned fortifications to the scrap heap, was considered extremely well defended by its outlying works which comprises 18 fortifications of the first class and many redoubts and batteries. Aside from Paris it was accounted probably the largest military camp in the world, capable of accommodating 200,000 men. The city is a gay capital in peace times, with a population of nearly 300,000, and was frequently alluded to as "The Paris of the East." It covers an area in excess of 20 square miles, containg the royal residence, the government buildings and other notable structures and is the center of a considerable trade.

FALL OF PLOECHTI PERHAPS IS THE MOST SERIOUS LOSS

London, Dec. 6.—The fall of Bucharest and Ploechti, announced in the German official communication tonight, has not been confirmed from other solurces, but the position revealed by the previous German and Russian communiques left little hope that the Rumanian capital could be saved.

No official Rumanian statements have been received in London since Sunday, but the Russian official reports recorded the steady retirement of the Rumanians before the victorious enemy forces. The rapidity of the advance of the Central Powers seem to show that no attempt was made to defend the capital and the actions fought have probably been only of a delaying nature.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The National Board of Steam Navigation, composed of representatives of steamship lines, held its annual meeting here today and elected Henry L. Joyce, marine manager of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, president.

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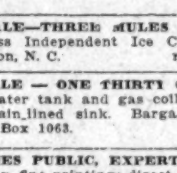

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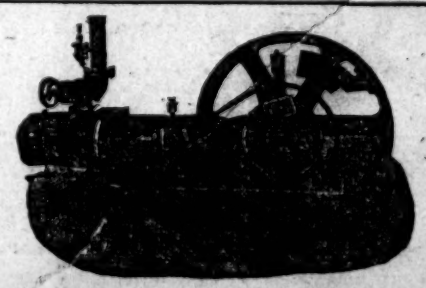

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